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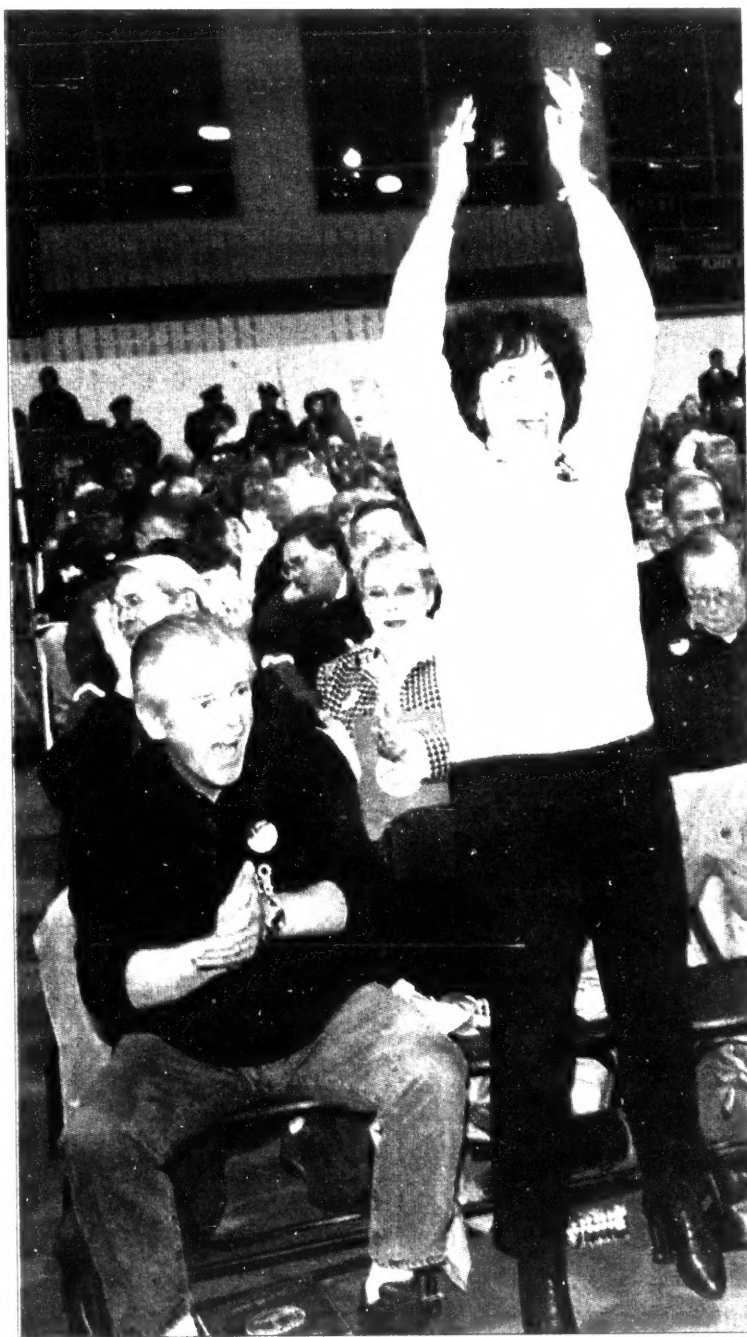
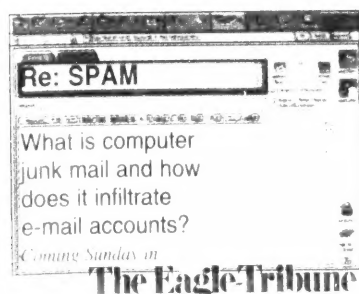
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Agony of defeat – Fields supporter Peg Campbell stands to vote in a losing effort to alter zoning in exchange for land from developer Yvon Cormier.

Fields deal called out

Residents won't change zoning

By Rebecca Piro

The fields-for-rezoning proposal has struck out.

Articles 45, 46 and 47 were solidly voted down Monday night, ensuring that 22 acres of residential space near the Tewksbury line would stay that way, at least for now – and that the search for playing field space would continue.

"I'm great right now,"

exclaimed Barbara Maguire, Berkeley Lane resident, who jumped up and down in the aisle after hearing that Article 45 was crushed by a vote of 42 to 7.

"We never expected to win," Maguire is one of a handful of neighbors – which is a testament to a solid wave of opposition by Monday night – who opposed all three

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Housing Authority rape

New rules for inmates working in towns

By Rebecca Piro

The Essex County Sheriff's Department has changed its rehabilitation program after an Andover woman was raped and beaten by an inmate working at the Andover Housing Authority on Friday.

Up until Friday, the program allowed low-security inmates to work at the Andover Housing Authority, supervised only by Housing Authority employees.

Now, fewer inmates will venture out to work sites without a corrections officer supervising them, says Paul Fleming, a spokesperson for the sheriff's department.

The Andover police department says it had no knowledge of the work program at the Housing Authority until Friday's incident, and believed the level of supervision provided was unacceptable.

"There were Housing Authority

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1998: Last notice to police

By Rebecca Piro

A former Andover Housing Authority director gave approval for inmates to work at the subsidized housing grounds, where Friday a female resident was allegedly raped and beaten by an inmate.

Kenneth Dorrance, hired as director in October 1996, signed

an agreement in February of 1997 that stated he would take responsibility for inmates coming from the Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center to work at the Housing Authority doing maintenance jobs, says the Essex County Sheriff's Department. Those inmates were to be supervised by

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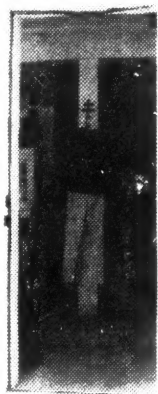
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Web question

Does the prisoner work-release program have a viable future here?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

The override passed by a strong majority at Town Meeting. Is this a sign that the town is ready to raise its taxes for its schools?

Out of 37 votes:

► 9, or 24 percent, said, "Yes, Town Meeting is the voice of the voters of Andover."

► 28, or 76 percent, said, "No, the override is a divisive issue. A public forum is not a good indication as to how residents will vote when it goes on the ballot."

This week's Web question:

Does the prisoner work-release program have a viable future in Massachusetts, or has the recent debacle shaken the public's faith in the program?

• "Yes. It is an important program for integrating people back into society."

• "Yes, but prisoners must always be overseen by state or local law enforcement."

• "No. Keep prisoners behind bars where they belong."

• "Other."

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IN BRIEF

Prop. 2 ½ override election is June 11

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski announced at Town Meeting Tuesday that the special election on the Proposition 2½ override will be held on Tuesday June 11, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Andover High School Field House. The override was approved by Town Meeting last Monday, but another vote is required.

Location of meeting for Government Review

Town Government Review Committee's public forum on Wednesday, May 8, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library.

Legal aid drive here

Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley will help kick off "The Campaign for Legal Aid" at a reception in Andover today, Thursday, May 2.

The cocktail reception will run from 5 to 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

The fundraising campaign, supported by private lawyers, public officials, and community leaders, will aid the work of Merrimack Valley Legal Services Inc. (MVLS), a private non-profit organization. Based in Lowell, with offices in Lawrence and Salem, MVLS represents the poor and elderly in civil cases. The agency also provides emergency help to victims of domestic abuse.

Coakley, who handled the "nanny" murder case and other prosecutorial efforts, will be the featured speaker at the May 2 reception sponsored by Devine, Millimet, and Branch, an Andover law firm.

The reception will also feature the premier showing of the film, *Opening Doors for Justice*.

No tower at Pike

Crane at site, but no cellular deal coming

By Neil Fater

About a week after Voice-Stream Wireless workers mounted a crane on Pike School property to test if the company would benefit from building a cellular phone tower there, Head of School John "Muddy" Waters declared the school would no longer consider allowing such a tower to be built.

"We've seen enough. We were contemplating having a meeting of the neighbors, but based on what we've seen so far, the concerns we have heard from some neighbors convinced us it wasn't worth going forward," said Waters on Tuesday night.

Before Pike's Tuesday night decision, the neighborhood around the school had been buzzing with news that the school might allow a cellular-phone tower to be built. Residents said they were surprised Pike would consider such a structure as a revenue source.

"I don't think you have to be a wizard in real estate to realize it's not going to add to your property values," said Bob Gable, a Sunset Rock resident, last week. "It's the type of issue you never thought you'd have to deal with."

"It's inconceivable to me that anyone would even consider putting one in this type of neigh-

borhood," said Vincent Morton, of Sunset Rock Road.

The tower was to have been about 125 feet, and would have been in the woods, off to the side of a playing field a few hundred yards from Sunset Rock Road, said Waters.

Earlier in the day, Waters had said the school was allowing the company to look into the possibility, though he and the school's business manager emphasized the analysis was preliminary. "It's almost not even on our radar screen yet," said Waters.

According to Waters, Voice-Stream had approached the school with an offer to pay the school in exchange for letting it build a tower on the property. "They brought in a crane, put it up in the air and they wanted to test the signal. It was like that commercial: 'Can you hear me now?' It did what they wanted it to in that regard," said Waters.

Waters also said on Tuesday afternoon that he had heard from area residents, who were not pleased with the idea. "They think it is unethical of me to have even these preliminary conversations," he said. Within a few hours, Waters had determined it was time to push cancel on any possibility of a cell-tower deal.

Quote, unquote . . .

IF YOU ASK the slaves, there's no debate from them.

— Rev. Jack L. Daniel of the Free Christian Church, on buying Sudanese slaves' freedom, a subject of some controversy. (Story, page 4)

IT'S NOT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S JOB to be concerned with the appearance and vitality of our town. That's Andover's responsibility.

— Cliff Markell, chairman of the Main Street Committee, explaining why he thought it was in voters' best interest to approve Article 48 — \$269,500 for improvements to the downtown. (Story, page 4)

News Calendar**Thursday, May 2**

Zoning Board, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Zoning Board, Memorial Hall Library, 8:45 a.m.

Monday, May 6

Council on Aging, Town Offices, third floor, 8 a.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

School Committee, school offices, 7:30 p.m.

Vision 21 Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Zoning Board, deliberation on Avalon at St. Clare, Memorial Hall Library, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

School Building Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 6 p.m.

Design Advisory, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

BallardVale Lowell Junction Area Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

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Health clinics

Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, May 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, May 20 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday.

Property transfers

The Andover property transfers compiled from the Registry of Deeds are not yet available for the month of December. The property listings will run when the registry makes them available.

The Registry says they may not be available for two more weeks.

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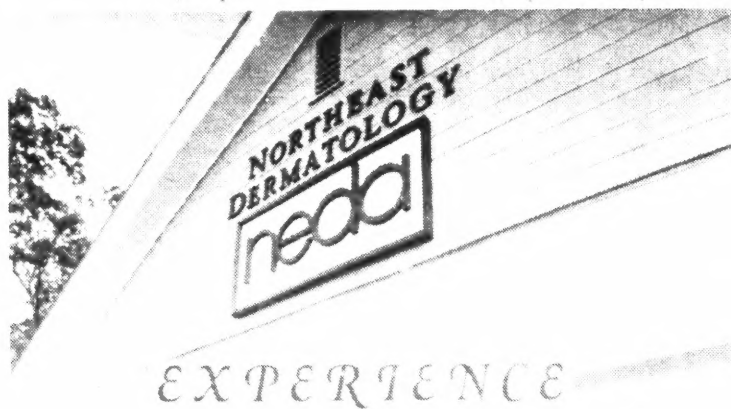
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Walker speaks on current slave trade, at abolitionist church's anniversary

By Ben Hellman

Channel 4 news anchor woman Liz Walker will speak at the Free Christian Church this Sunday morning for the 156th anniversary of its founding as an abolitionist church. Walker will speak of her trip to the Sudan where she joined a group of Boston ministers on a fact-finding mission on the Sudanese slave trade.

"It's my way of helping," said Walker of her talk in Andover. During her trip to Sudan last July, Walker saw the slave trade firsthand. "It was exactly what I was told I'd see - hundreds and hundreds of women and children taken prisoner," said Walker. She was a guest of Christian Solidarity, which has evoked controversy by buying back slaves, but says she's unsure whether buying back slaves is the right solution. "I was there as a reporter. I talked to people who were happy to have their sisters, mothers and aunts back," she said.

Walker is currently seeking her masters degree in divinity from the Harvard Divinity School. She plans to make her talk appropriate to the service. "I try to put it in some biblical text. I'm just learning the Bible. I don't pretend to be an expert," said Walker.

"We're delighted. I am looking forward to meeting her," said Free Christian's pastor Jack L. Daniel. Daniel welcomes people from the community to the church for Sunday morning services. "There's a wider story here, there is wider interest here than just our church," he said. In addition to Walker's talk there will be a video of her trip to Sudan shown between services. Daniel says there will be some great music as well.

Free Christian Church is a United Congregational Church affiliated with the nationwide United Church of Christ. The dif-

ference between Free Christian and others is that it was formed specifically as an abolitionist church by members who left other congregations that would not take a firm stand against slavery.

"It is still going on," said Daniel. Free Christian Church raised \$12,000 this year to donate to Christian Solidarity. He says that buying a slave's freedom costs about \$70. Daniel says that a long-term solution is up to the government, but buying back the slaves certainly does some good. "If you ask the slaves, there's no debate from them," he said.

Walker will speak at services on Sunday May 5 at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Free Christian Church is located at 31 Elm St.

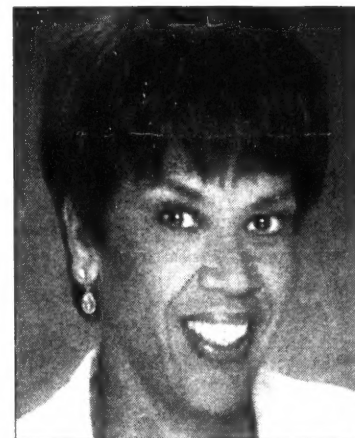


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Channel 4 anchor Liz Walker will speak about her experience covering the Sudan slave trade.

REMEMBERING



PHOTO BY BARBARA INNES

Deacons of the Armenian churches of the Merrimack Valley take part in "The Armenian Family - Legacy of our Survivors," a program in remembrance of the Armenian genocide, at a ceremony at West Middle School Sunday, April 21. The program commemorated the 87th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, with net proceeds funding a program in Armenia, according to organizers.

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Frishman-Finegold: 'Friendly' rivalry for House seat?

By Neil Fater

Michael Frishman — who considers himself a friend and past supporter of state Rep. Barry Finegold — will run against the incumbent in the Democratic primary.

Frishman says that Finegold has done a good job handling constituent requests and local concerns, but he also describes that as "the easy part" of the job. Frishman says that because Andover does not suffer from crushing poverty or other "pressing needs," it "can afford to send someone who can be a vigorous voice" for broader issues such as health care, the environment and education.

"Barry basically has no private sector experience either and that concerns me," he says. "It would be good for him to be out of office and in the private sector for a while, and I think it would help his future ambitions."

Frishman currently processes returns at the IRS, and has served on the board of about a dozen non-profits in the Merrimack Valley.

"I have quite consciously in the 20 years I've been back in Andover, made serious efforts to expose myself (to issues, working) in the trenches and in grassroots efforts," he says.

Frishman is a former School

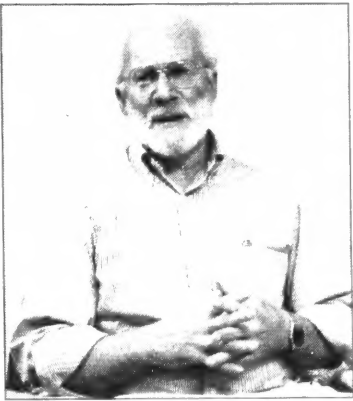


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Candidate Michael Frishman

Committee member (1989-1991), and lost the 2000 Housing Authority race by just a handful of votes. He says he believes in a single-payer health-care system, that land ownership is "land stewardship," and in free and equal public education.

Health care

Frishman says his father spent his working life paying for health care to cover his needs. His father now has a terminal illness, but Medicare doesn't pay for his father's drugs or his nursing-home care, which could impoverish Frishman's mother. "It's criminal we don't provide equal health insurance and equal health care for all diseases," he says.

Environment

Concerned about the effects of pollutants (and also of chemicals that people are using), Frishman says "we've only begun to see what's going to happen to fertility problems. We need to get over the selfishness that comes with (making profits)."

Frishman believes that government can play a valuable role in environmental protection. "The free market will never create a level playing field for industrial

manufacturers, and it won't guarantee the kind of ethics necessary to make sure our world stays livable," he says.

Education

The federal government should pay to build school buildings, and for its mandates, but should not take a greater role in determining what goes on in those buildings, he says.

"I would like to see federal and state take-over of all the funding

needs of special education," says Frishman. "It's a state and federal mandate. It ought to be funded at the state and federal level."

He says special education costs can devastate a small community.

"People are moving here, I'm sure, because Andover has the capacity to spend \$100,000 on some kids, and I don't begrudge them (those services)," he says. "But the town of Andover should not be doing the country's job."

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PA's Peabody Museum scales back; to be open by appointment only

Trustees at Phillips Academy have voted not to close the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology after all.

But, visiting hours and the staff are being scaled back for the next two years as the trustees try to figure out the future of the small museum.

Located on the academy's campus, the museum will be open to researchers by appointment only. School groups will no longer be visiting the museum. New exhibits will not be installed.

Plus, the museum staff will be cut in half - from four to two

workers. For the past 18 months, Phillips Academy has been trying to decide what to do with the 101-year-old museum.

The current recession has taken a toll on Phillips' endowment and the museum's budget is needed elsewhere. In addition, school officials have said the museum does not play a critical role in the curriculum.

Trustees met last Friday and released a statement announcing they need more time to "fully examine the relationship of the school to the collections of the Peabody."

"Two years of funding will allow the museum to continue its important inventory and repatriation work and give us the necessary time to examine potential links between our educational program and the collections," wrote Board of Trustees President David M. Underwood.

The current exhibit at the museum is a retrospective of the museum's 100 years and will stay up for the time being. The museum's collection includes 500,000 Native American artifacts representing about 12,000 years of American history.



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The Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology, at the corner of South Main and Phillips streets, will soon be open by appointment only to researchers.

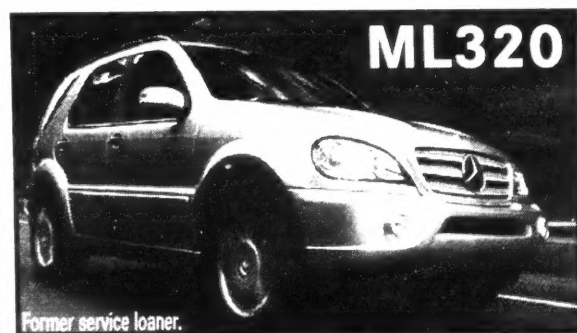
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Film festival for more than teens on Main Street

By Judy Wakefield

About 20 teens from local high schools, including Phillips Academy and Andover High, are involved with sponsoring this year's Homegrown Film Festival.

The event showcases films produced by young, aspiring film directors and is set for Friday, May 3. Thirteen short films will roll. The films will be shown at Andover Town House, aka Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

The event is an annual project for Andover Youth Services and this marks the fourth consecutive year for the festival.

"This is a popular event and it is a way for many kids to express themselves," said Carole Chanler of AYS. "With all the technology these days, many kids are experimenting with this art form."

She said it's a creative outlet for many teens around Andover who have fun experimenting with their video cameras.

In addition to Andover High and Phillips, Lowell and Lawrence high schools are taking part. Films produced at New York



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover Youth Services Carole Chanler is excited by the addition to the Homegrown Film Festival of out-of-the-area films such as "Blue Heaven."

University Film School and the College of Santa Fe will also be seen. Chanler said each film runs about 12 minutes.

Film-goers will also have a chance to get a taste of the popular Sundance Film Festival as a film shown there will also be shown in

Andover.

That film is called "Blue Heaven" and was made by students at the University of Southern Cali-

fornia. Chanler said it deals with sexual identity issues and gets good reviews from audiences.

Other films being shown include:

- *A Question of Identity* by Gardner Gould (PA)
- *Apricot City* by Mark Brickman, Alex Toyoda and Tony Volinski (AHS)
- *The Invisible Wall* by Ryan Grieco (PA)
- *BOWT Soldiers of Frozen Wasteland* by Jason Neuman (AHS)
- *Death Bunny* by Nels Nelson (AHS)
- *Keep It Wild* by Mark Outwin (Portland, Maine)
- *The Hit Man* by Steve Schade (AHS)
- *Hip Hop* by Ahmed Rashad (Lawrence High School)
- *Yes, She Said* by Lauri Meleod (Stockbridge, Mass.)
- *Fabrication* by Victor Alvarez and Mike Morrissey (AHS)
- *Oracle*, a Lowell High School production
- *The Happy Misfortune of Average Joe Morton* by Jonathan Gardner, Patrick Roy, Matt Cohen (AHS)

Ledge Road to drop off

AYF predicts minor traffic increase from youth-center opening

Town Meeting voted to allow the town to take Ledge Road by eminent domain.

Ledge Road, near the site of the proposed youth center, connects Chandler Road and Greenwood Road. Ledge Road will be discontinued as a public way and used as driveway access for the proposed youth center.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said, "I'm pretty sure we own it, but I'm hedging my bet."

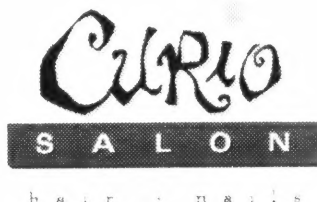
Harrison Bedrosian of 2 Lancaster Place asked if any study had been made of how this would effect the area. The Andover Youth Foundation hired Vanasse and Associates, highway consultants, to conduct a study of traffic impact. The company found that the increase to the intersection would be minor, according to AYF.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said that the foundation must present a full study before they can make changes in the road. After a 3D computer presentation given by Tom Jones, Town Meeting also voted without debate to discontinue Ledge Road as a public way.

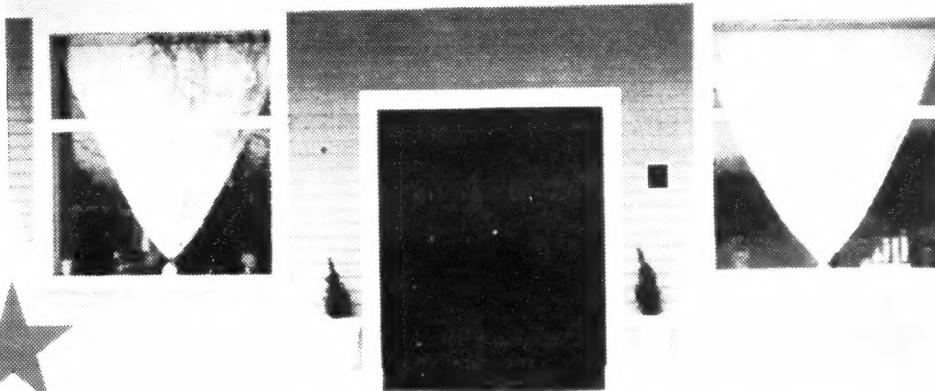
- Ben Hellman



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Opinion

What now?

Now that the latest effort at playing fields has been retired, it could be some time before the town sees any more fields – at least without a combined effort from town officials and youth-sports groups. The town will get new fields when the new schools open, but there are not any other projects on the immediate horizon.

In the past few years, residents have voted against putting additional fields at Recreation Park and behind South School, areas that fields supporters argue are intended for such use. "All the wisdom of our forefathers and the planning ahead, we've cast aside," says Jerry Bird, the chairman of a committee that produced a 1997 report on open space and recreation.

If building in those locations isn't acceptable, then youth sports groups and town officials will need to work together to create another plan.

First, town officials and field supporters must keep an eye on slow-moving plans already in the works.

In 1996, Town Meeting approved a study of the landfill near the proposed youth-center site. Shortly thereafter, residents appropriated \$2.2 million to cap the landfill and turn it into playing fields. The town also plans to purchase the former site of the Reichhold industrial complex and use it for fields, but first the land's current owners must make sure it is clean. Both options are still years away, but pushing for signs of progress will make sure these future fields are not delayed further than need be.

Second, fields supporters must take a page out of the private youth-center plan. For years, youth-center progress languished, waiting for an official to pick up the ball and run. Finally, a private group pushed the youth-center agenda, and the effort is now supported by town officials. Fields supporters could benefit from a similar plan. Some are already thinking creatively about what they can do next.

"It's going to take a partnership with a private entity," says Jim Arnold, an Andover Little League board member, and proponent of this year's failed fields effort. "If a zoning change isn't palatable, then some other type of arrangement is what it's going to take. There aren't the options that there used to be."

In other words, finding a place for new fields is going to take a game plan, and will require teamwork. Arnold already says he will recommend eliminating T-ball for 6- and 7-year-olds next spring because of a shortage of fields. Neither the town nor private groups can afford to drop the ball in working together to create more fields.

SOAP ACTOR

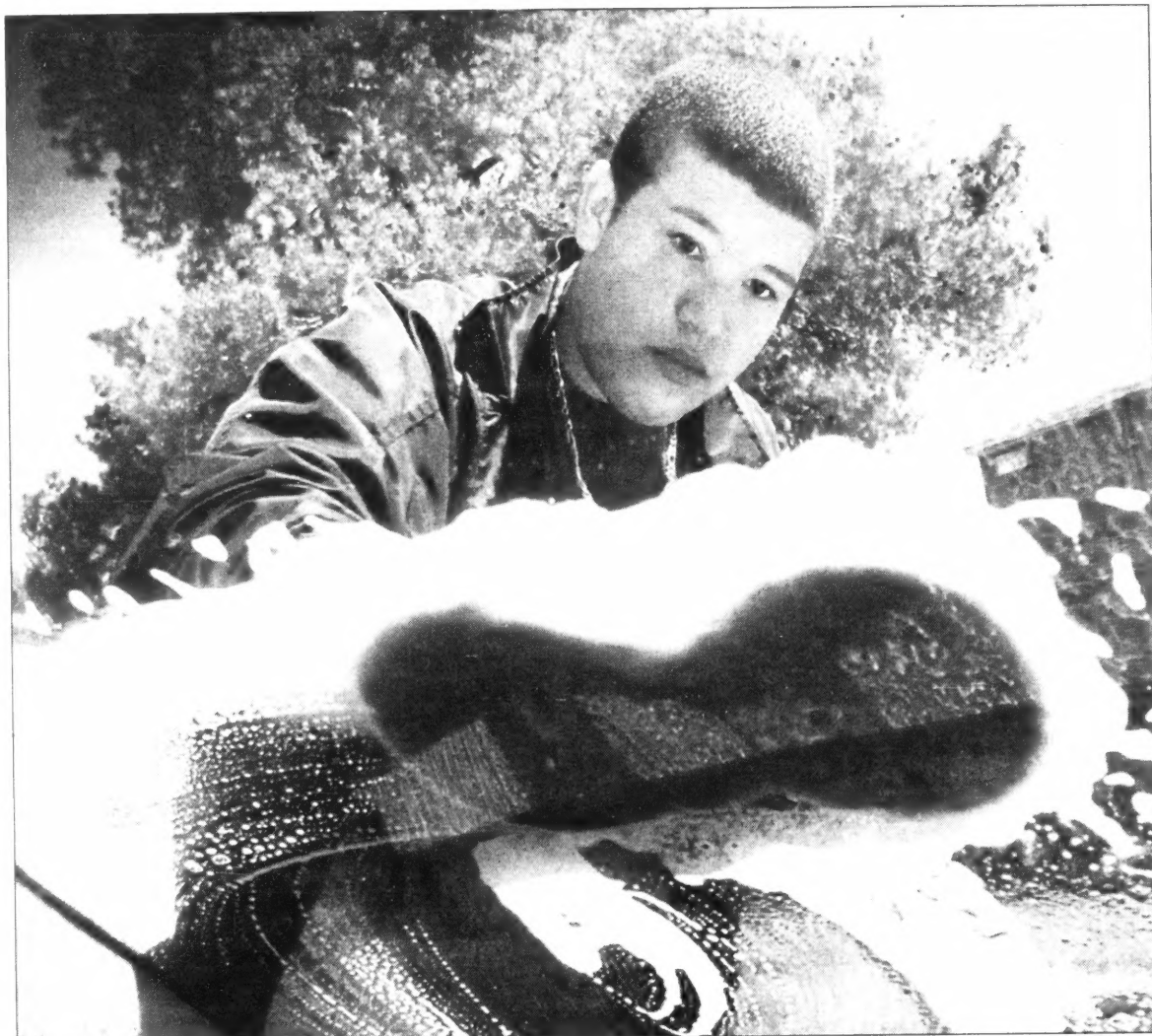


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Pedro Vasquez soaps up a windshield at a car wash to raise money for the West Middle School Drama Club.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

1902: 100 Years Ago in Andover

A well-known writer on athletics for women says that by punching the bag for 10 minutes a day for a week, a woman can do more to reduce her weight and preserve a good figure than by observing a rigid diet for six months.

Impatient at the way in which the city government has treated the matter of extermination of the brown tall moth and the elm beetle, the members of the Women's Club voted Tuesday to send a communication to the city government and to the park commissioners, earnestly requesting that something be done in the matter before it is too late to save Lawrence's beautiful shade trees.

A headline asks: Who is Registrar of Voters from Ballardvale? Two Different Men Hold Selectmen's Appointments.

The community has the right to be protected from personal annoyance. The factory bells and whistles are such – they are more – they are nuisances.

There is a general opinion that people marry later in life now than they did a generation ago. In 1899, the last year for which statistics have been completed, the average bachelor married at 26.25

and the average spinster at 27.32.

The weavers of the Washington Mills Plant of the American Woolen Company went on strike Tuesday morning. The strikers claim that practically all of the 800 weavers are out and at the mill. It was learned that only 40 or 50 weavers remained at work.

1927: 75 Years Ago in Andover

Under the headline "Boys Must Not Hop Trucks": The narrow escape from serious injury by young Robert MacLauren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald MacLauren of 2 Lewis St., when he slipped off the back of one truck, falling into the path of another, should serve as a warning to others who indulge in this dangerous act.

Three fires occurring within an hour on Saturday morning caused great excitement in the neighborhood of Salem Street.

From the editorials: Suspenders are coming back into their own again!

Andover, together with the rest of New England, has experienced a record breaking heat wave in the month of

The morals of residents of Suffolk County are safe at last. Our latest champion of righteousness has banned the sale in his county of all books which in his judgment violate the statute against the sale of books that are indecent, or tend to endanger the morals of youth.

Attorney General Reading has delivered an ultimatum to churches and societies which are in the habit of holding games of chance. About a week ago he called representatives of various religious and social organizations to his office in the State House, and told them that hereafter raffles must be stopped.

Several prominent life insurance companies have started a plan of giving free medical examinations to their policyholders.

Popular town fallacies: That because the citizens of Andover are rich, therefore the town of Andover is rich.

It is almost impossible to sell a large single residence for what is cost; apartment houses with only large apartments have many vacancies. The demand today is for small six- or seven-room houses and apartments for three rooms, a bath and kitchenette.

LETTERS

Town Meeting decisions too much

Citizens don't have long-term vision needed

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I agree wholeheartedly with your editorial in the April 14 issue ("Town must label and then fund its top priorities"). You wrote "What Andover needs ... are people to look beyond the issues of the moment, and keep their eye on the prizes, rather than the trinkets available each year." In particular, you referred to last year's Town Meeting that voted to set aside only \$75,000 for opening the new schools instead of the \$600,000 recommended by many town officials, thereby guaranteeing the need for an override in 2002.

I have generally been opposed to overrides for day-to-day operations; yet I found myself voting against the \$600,00 set-aside last year and for the override this year because it seemed like the right thing to do at the time.

I grew up in Ohio and, even after living in Andover for 15 years, I still can't quite understand why a town as large as Andover continues to use the Town Meeting form of government without

modifications such as representative Town Meeting. I don't want the responsibility of studying the intimidating Finance Committee report and spending several nights at Town Meeting. I cannot fully comprehend the long-term ramifications of Town Meeting votes, so I unwittingly end up voting for "trinkets."

It's too hard for the average citizen to look beyond the next year's tax bill, or sidewalk repair, or special-education costs to discern the forest from the trees. But setting aside money for long-term goals is something that citizens can easily identify with.

Perhaps the annual town census could list some ideas and ask citizens to rank their top five priorities.

In order for Town Meeting to be more effective, I ask town officials and elected boards to present us with a long-term vision that sets priorities and helps us work towards common goals.

Ruth Rosensweig
4 Aspen Circle

Senior citizens shouldn't have to work to fund schools' override

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Regarding the article headlined "Pro-override group to reach out to seniors" on page one of the April 25 *Townsmen*.

Did I understand the comments by Barbara L'Italien to be suggesting that senior citizens should go to work to help pay for the increase in property taxes that the override will cause? I'm appalled!

I doubt that L'Italien is aware that most of these voucher positions are physically demanding, such as serving lunch at the senior center, cleaning up after lunch, shelving books at the school libraries, conducting an inventory of town records, to name just a

few that I am familiar with. I doubt there are many 80-year-olds who could manage to do 100 hours of this kind of work each year to reduce their taxes by \$500. Also, how many of these positions are available? Enough for all the seniors who need them?

Instead of trying to think of ways for seniors to be able to pay increased taxes, I think that the Support Our Students committee should put its time and talent into figuring out how the schools can live within the budget that was already approved.

Margaret Leber
78 Wild Rose Drive

Senator: Town Meeting worked

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I felt a great deal of civic pride on the opening night of Town Meeting. By and large, people were respectful of the opinions of others; the speakers were passionate; and valid points were raised on both sides of the debate. Moderator Jim Doherty, the selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee deserve credit for their professional, high-level work that makes Andover so special. In other words, Town Meeting functioned exactly as our forefathers envisioned.

There are two issues I've worked very hard on as a state senator that should be considered as the discussion moves forward:

1. Property tax relief for seniors

This year, for the first time, the state is giving refunds to qualifying seniors who are paying more than 10 percent of their income on property taxes. I worked hard to get this passed into law, and to get the information out to seniors so they would take advantage of it.

This "circuit breaker tax break for seniors" is one way to bring real tax relief to those on fixed incomes, and I will be working to expand this bill to cover more people next year.

2. Special education

Special education needs serious attention at every level of government: local, state, and federal. Most of the so-called mandates in special education are federal and once again, Washington failed to produce its long-promised federal aid in the newest education reform bill. Massachusetts passed a significant SPED reform bill in 2000, and full funding for this law is on the top of my priority list. Rather than hurt special-needs children, this law promises a fairer state/local funding formula.

Sue Tucker
State Senator
6 Farrwood Drive

Alternative to budget overrides

It is clear that when it comes to spending, Andover is addicted, and that many of its citizens absolutely *must* have more and more money spent for schools, downtown improvement projects, community preservation acts, asbestos-removal projects, and on and on and on. The town and these good citizens simply refuse to recognize that the economy is terrible, and many people are out of work and therefore can't afford an ever-increasing tax burden, and that many others, living on fixed incomes, are being forced out of the community where they raised their families.

Rather than whining about this, however, I'd like to offer a constructive alternative to more and more Proposition 2½ overrides. I suggest that Andover borrow an approach from the governor of Arkansas, and create a "Tax-Me-More Fund."

For all of the parents of school-age children who just can't tolerate two or three extra children per classroom, rather

than add a tax burden on everyone, they can simply contribute to the Tax-Me-More Fund. Rather than every family in town being taxed an average of \$81 more per year, the one-third of the families with school age children can contribute a mere \$243 (or more!) to pay for their children's share.

For all of those who feel that the character of downtown Andover will be absolutely devastated if we don't spend \$300,000 right now, they can contribute to the Tax-Me-More Fund and target their contribution to town improvements. Similarly for the CPA and all of the other increases that we absolutely *must* have.

Let's let the people who insist on all of this extra spending put their money where their mouth is. But don't hold your breath — if the results in Arkansas are an example, when faced with this "opportunity," virtually no one actually contributed.

Tom Dennis
6 Seminole Circle

Outraged over DEP water-use nod

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Residents probably know that communities across the Merrimack Valley are scrambling to ensure adequate water supplies for the summer. But do they know that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection just issued a draft permit for the Nickel Hill power plant to withdraw up to four million gallons of water per day from the Merrimack River?

That's right. At a time when many towns have voluntary or mandatory water-use bans, when cities are brokering deals to buy water from other sources, when Merrimack Valley residents are being told to conserve water in every way possible, our own state agency is planning to approve a withdrawal large enough to serve a

community of approximately 60,000 people.

This withdrawal is excessive — a private, for-profit entity is being given permission to make a daily withdrawal that is larger than five of the nine categories of river-water use. It is consumptive, which means that the majority of the water will not be returned to the river. It is also unnecessary, as an air-cooling technology that is widely used in other plants would reduce the water needed to a few hundred thousand gallons.

And yes, people recall correctly that Constellation Power announced in May 2001 that it would not build the power plant. It is trying to keep the permits alive now so that it can continue to

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THE THURSDAY FILE

The way in which we think of ourselves has everything to do with how our world sees us.

ARLENE RAVEN

Companies will need to become more human and walk more lightly on the land.

SCOTT BEDBURY

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try and please everyone.

BILL COSBY

Love your calling with passion, it is the meaning of your life.

AUGUSTE RODIN

No great thing is created suddenly.

EPICETUS

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone.

BILL COSBY

History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Everyone must row with the oars he has.

ENGLISH PROVERB

The best time for planning a book is while you're doing the dishes.

AGATHA CHRISTIE

A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him I may think aloud.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The JFK quotation:

We seek not the world-wide victory of one nation or system but a world-wide victory of man. The modern globe is too small, its weapons too destructive, and its disorders too contagious to permit any other kind of victory

Best quotation sent in:

Blessed be those that have lost everything ... except the capacity to give.

About MacDowall's "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started "The Thursday File" two years ago. He sent it to 10 people.

Today, the file is sent to more than 10,000 people.

The Web site is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and suggests books to read and Web sites worth visiting, along with quotations worth noting.

At left are some quotations from the most recent Thursday File, mailed electronically last week.

LETTERS

■ POWER PLANT WATER

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attempt to sell the rights to the project and recoup some of its lost financial investment. The DEP then, is not only preparing to issue a permit for an excessive withdrawal, it is doing so knowing that there is no legitimate applicant and that it will essentially be creating a permit for sale.

Nickel Hill's request for an unnecessary withdrawal of this magnitude reflects an arrogant disrespect for this Merrimack Valley resource – an arrogance matched only by the ignorance of a DEP that would approve it.

Merrimack Valley neighbors will be turning off their faucets while brushing their teeth, but the DEP is poised to open one of the largest faucets on the Merrimack. If that's environmental protection, color me disillusioned.

I ask people who share my outrage to write to Dep. Director for Resource Protection Madelyn Morris, Department of Environmental Protection, 205A Lowell St., Wilmington MA 01887, or promptly fax comments to 978-661-7615.

Sheryl Poole
One Stoneybrook Circle

Say no to veal

Editor, *Townsman*:

In recent decades, cruel farming practices have been outlawed throughout Europe but, tragically, no such legal protections currently exist in the US. In fact, most state anti-cruelty laws exclude farm animals, and, as a result, millions of innocent creatures endure intolerable cruelty on factory farms.

Veal production is among the cruelest farming practices in existence. To produce veal, baby calves are taken from their mothers and chained by the neck in small wooden crates just two feet wide. They cannot turn around, stretch their limbs, or even lie down comfortably, and they live in these crates for their entire lives. This severe confinement prevents the calves from exercising so their muscles cannot develop, which keeps their meat tender. In addition, veal calves are fed an all-liquid diet, deficient in iron and fiber, designed to produce borderline anemia and the pale-colored flesh sold as veal.

As American consumers have learned about the cruelty of veal production, veal consumption has dropped significantly. But some people continue eating veal and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of baby calves are made to suffer intolerable cruelty every year. It is time to say no to cruelty, and that means saying no to veal. For more information: <www.NoVeal.org>, or <www.FarmSanctuary.org>.

Patrice Harrington
8 Azalea Drive

Building a case against AvalonBay's 115-unit River Road development

Editor, *Townsman*:

The Andover Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) denied the Avalon at St. Clare application for a comprehensive permit in October 2001, after nine months of public hearings and careful consideration. AvalonBay subsequently filed an appeal with the State Housing Appeals Committee, resulting in a remand back to the local ZBA. After months of mediation with Andover, AvalonBay has submitted a modified plan.

The following issues were listed in the "Conclusory Findings" of the ZBA's written, original denial of the proposed project. None of these issues have been resolved with the new plan for 115 units in one massive building.

Andover Master Plan:

"The type of housing proposed in this application does not match that encouraged by the Andover Housing Partnership and the town of Andover through the housing element of its Master Plan to meet regional needs for low- and moderate-income housing." (ZBA, Oct. 5, 2001)

The new proposal from AvalonBay does nothing to address this issue.

Remote location:

"This site is remote and isolated. It is not served by public transit. It is seven miles from core services at the town center and three and a half miles from the nearest grocery store. It is located on a roadway with no sidewalks or bike paths." (ZBA, Oct. 5, 2001)

The new proposal from AvalonBay does nothing to address this issue.

Zoning:

"The site is located in the town's most restricted residential zone, Single Residence C. High-density development such as that proposed in this application is encouraged in the more centrally located Apartment and Mixed Use Districts, and disallowed in the outlying low-density SRC district." (ZBA, Oct. 5, 2001)

The new proposal from AvalonBay does nothing to address this issue.

Density:

"Andover's other existing new construction apartment-type Ch. 40B developments have densities of 4.61 units per acre (Brookside Estates) and 7.17 units per acre (Riverview Commons). The Board finds both the 152-unit and 136-unit plans excessively dense." (ZBA, Oct. 5, 2001)

The density of the revised plan translates to more than 13 housing units per acre. This is still more than twice the density of the only other apartment complex in a SRC zone, Brookside Estates. Andover has few buildings over 50 feet, and none in SRC zones. The building proposed in the current AvalonBay plans has a footprint three times the size of the current building, and a height of 60 feet.

Public safety:

"Specifically, the Board is concerned that the eight- to 15-minute response time projected for emergency vehicles, given the remoteness of the site, would put residents of the proposed development at risk. Also, because of the density of this proposed development, any fire alarm activated would call out all but two of the town's emergency vehicles, leaving the remainder of the residents... severely under-served." (ZBA, Oct. 5)

The new proposal from AvalonBay does nothing to address this issue.

Traffic:

"Legitimate public safety issues beyond the scope of the traffic study and its peer review were raised by residents who travel these roadways daily and by the Andover Police Department's safety officer." (ZBA, Oct. 5)

AvalonBay continues to justify its position that area traffic will not be adversely impacted by its development. AvalonBay has yet to agree to any significant traffic-mitigation measures, including an extended sidewalk on River Road.

Sewer:

"The proposed use of a privately constructed and privately maintained sewer link raises questions of perpetual maintenance and long-term impact on public health. The inter-municipal nature of the proposed sewer solution does not afford the town of Andover any guarantees that the sewage flow would be allowed through Tewksbury lines and on to the Lowell treatment plant in perpetuity either." (ZBA, Oct. 5, 2001)

The new proposal doesn't address this. No provisions are in place for when the inter-municipal contract expires 21 years from now.

Finally, the funding of the project and its 40B compliance is a major issue. AvalonBay has stated publicly that it may pursue funding from non-traditional subsidy programs after project approval is granted. The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency does not condone this "bait and switch" approach and has confirmed that should this happen, its original site-approval letter – which allowed AvalonBay to pursue a 40B permit in the first place – would be null and void. The status of the project as a comprehensive permit would be called into question.

It is clear the new proposal for Avalon does not address the serious concerns that resulted in the ZBA's initial denial. As such, the ZBA has an obligation to once again deny its 40B application at the final public hearing on May 7 (Memorial Hall Library, first-floor activity room, 8:15 p.m.). The town has demonstrated its commitment to affordable-housing development through the efforts of the Andover Housing Partnership and the approval of other 40B projects. We should not succumb to the strong-arm tactics and threats of a multi-billion dollar developer.

Maddy St. Amand, 115 Bailey Road
Eileen Standerwick, Quail Run
Committee to Protect Andover Zoning

Student seeks info on Massachusetts

Editor, *Townsman*:

I am a fifth-grade student in California. My class is studying the United States, and I have chosen your state to research. I will be presenting my state report at our school's annual Open House on May 30.

I am writing in hopes that you will publish my letter for citizens in your area to read. I am interested in learning about the following information: What can you tell me about the history of Massachusetts? Who are some famous people from your state? What is the geography like? What are some tourist attractions to visit? Do you have a recipe symbolic of Massachusetts? If so, please send a copy of the recipe. I would appreciate any other information that might help me with my research. Thank you for your help. Please send me information, pictures, recipes and/or memorabilia to the following address:

Alyson Durrant
c/o O'Neill Elementary School
24701 San Doval Lane
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Prefers a change in approach from those against zoning change

Editor, *Townsman*:

I was offended by a gentleman opponent of Article 45 who at Town Meeting on Monday evening accused proponents of the article of taking bribes for their votes. I was embarrassed by opponents of Article 45 who booed former Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller as he spoke, a man who has probably given more of himself to this community than all of them combined. And I was appalled that a woman opponent of Article 45 would suggest that the developer should donate all 129 acres of land to playing fields. He has already made an extremely generous donation of \$1.5 million to the youth center.

I'm proud to be associated with proponents of Article 45 who remained professional and polite throughout the proceedings at Town Meeting.

Sheila Stone
39 Clark Road

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TOWN EXPENSES AND THE BUDGET

Plant & Facilities: Growing as buildings grow – quickly

By Rebecca Piro

The Plant and Facilities budget is one of the fastest growing in town.

The department, made up of nine divisions including Building Maintenance, Parks and Grounds Forestry, and Vehicle Maintenance, employs 55 people, overseen by Director Joe Piantedosi. In turn, they oversee the maintenance of a long list of town-owned buildings, parks and playing fields, and they implement capital improvement projects.

That list – and the budget necessary to maintain it – is about to get a whole lot bigger.

Next year's Plant and Facilities budget will top \$6.2 million. That's a 10.6-percent increase from this year's budget of \$5.6 million, and nearly a 26-percent increase from 2000's budget of \$4.9 million.

The latest budget bump-up will cover the maintenance costs associated with opening the new schools and safety center next year, says Piantedosi. The new buildings will increase Plant and Facilities' responsibilities to a total of 1.3 million square feet of building space, plus land spread throughout the town's 32 square miles.

"That's a real lot of real estate to take care of," says Piantedosi. "It's an enormous edition to our responsibilities."

The extra 200,000 square feet of space created by the new schools and safety center – not counting the new playing fields that come with the schools – will squeeze the department's resources, says Piantedosi. Even though Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski is recommending extra money specifically for that maintenance, Plant and Facilities will reportedly still have to cut corners. "We are not staffed to handle that," Piantedosi says. "It



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A worker grooms the softball field near West Middle School last Tuesday.

means we won't be able to do some of the things we're doing now."

Those cuts may include changing buildings' air filters less regularly – up to this point the department has focused on maintaining excellent air quality, he says – and inspecting buildings' heating and ventilation controls with less frequency. The department will hire another electrician to help with the electrical work, but that hire is at the expense of a losing a craftsman from the department. "We're going to do our best to make it work," Piantedosi says.

In fact, the director promises he'll save the town money with new energy-efficient lighting,

heating and ventilation systems to be installed in the new buildings. Utility bills for those buildings will be 20 percent less than they could be, he says. "Thousands of dollars will be saved." Plant and Facilities workers are already installing similar equipment in existing town buildings. At Doherty Middle School, for example, 96 exit signs were replaced with lights that spend 1.5 watts of energy per sign, as opposed to 20 watts.

"It's been my initiative to save money and improve the building at the same time," he says.

The energy-efficient equipment doesn't cost the town much more to purchase and install either, he adds. Mass Electric covers most of the cost.

Costly relationships?

Piantedosi says the town will save energy with his initiatives, but is it wasting energy – and taxpayers money – warding off problems created by his relationship with workers?

Last year, union members publicly expressed their dissatisfaction with Piantedosi by issuing a statement of no-confidence in their department head. Piantedosi was later cleared of blame for the incident that sparked the vote, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Since last year's no-confidence vote, at least one other personnel problem has surfaced. In January, a janitor who had worked for the

Boss: Lauded by manager, strained relationship with others

Last year, union members issued a statement of no-confidence in their department head, Joe Piantedosi. Shortly after the incident that appears to have caused that vote, some people were apparently so upset with Piantedosi that police were called to the department to ensure safety. The town also built another wall in Plant and Facilities, though Piantedosi says it was built because of an unrelated confrontation involving one of his supervisors and an employee.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, who lauds Piantedosi's work, has called last year's no-confidence vote "confusing." "The appropriate way of handling an issue is through a grievance," says Stapczynski.

But a vote of no confidence is considered a strong sign by members of town unions. Tom Meyers, teachers union president, has said his union has never take a formal vote of no confidence in his 16 years.

"It's pretty rare. It's not done often, obviously. Usually, it's considered a serious action," says Meyers.

"It's telling you that it's hard to

govern your employees," he says. "A vote of no confidence is really a public political statement."

Although the teachers union took no position on the Piantedosi letter, some town unions sent letters to Local 1704 after their vote of no confidence. In his letter, David Milne, president of Andover Police Patrolmen's Union, wrote in part, "I fully understand the importance of a department head who has the ability to listen to the concerns of the subordinates and to work with them in order to create a positive working environment."

Milne has emphasized the rarity of the vote of no confidence.

"I've been here five years and this is the first letter that I'm aware of. Usually, it's not something to be taken lightly when there's a vote of no confidence," he says.

Noting what he considers to be a good relationship with the current police chief, Milne says, "For us (the patrolmen) to get to a vote of no confidence, there would have to be a huge underlying issue there that built up over time."

– Neil Fater and Rebecca Piro

town for 18 years filed papers for his retirement – immediately following an argument between himself and Piantedosi regarding sick-time benefits, acknowledges Piantedosi. More rumors about management problems inside Plant and Facilities arose.

If there are any such personnel problems, Stapczynski says he hasn't heard complaints, outside of those two incidents. But some town workers say a single vote of no confidence is a serious problem. (See article above.)

Piantedosi admits that he receives grievances from workers, but

says there hasn't been many. "We did have some problems. They've been addressed. I think we've made great strides over the past few years."

"If I wanted a guy to keep my facilities up 100 percent, Joe P. would be my man," says Stapczynski.

Stapczynski credits Piantedosi with turning the department around. When he was hired five and a half years ago, Plant and Facilities, at that time called Municipal Maintenance, was an administrative mess, according to

Piantedosi. He removed employees he believed were "not cutting it" and replaced them with people that meet his expectations.

"I had to make a lot of changes. Change is difficult for a lot of people to accept," he says. "Some changes I implemented were not popular with people."

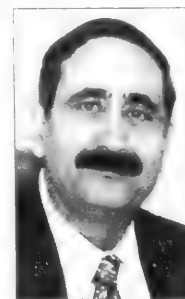
Before Piantedosi came to Andover, Stapczynski says taxpayers weren't getting the best bang for their buck.

"Joe is the kind of leader I want in Plant and Facilities. I have the accountability now. I have the credibility for getting the job done," Stapczynski says.

Piantedosi required employees to be accountable for their work – something that wasn't happening under the previous director – and he pushed especially hard for good attendance.

"He walked into a department where in the past there may have been people that weren't giving a full day's work for a full day's pay," Stapczynski adds.

"Now, I'm certain that the taxpayers are getting their money's worth – not only from him, but from the people who work for him."



Joe Piantedosi

Promises, promises: Learning from mistakes?

Not everything that Plant and Facilities oversees is saving money. Piantedosi's team, headed by project manager Phil Tuminelli, oversees the new schools and safety center building projects. Though Andover officials had said that they had learned from the troubled Andover High renovation project when these projects were being approved, both new projects have slid behind schedule and overbudget since their respective contractors broke ground in September and October 2000. Tuminelli, whose position was created after the Andover High job ended up behind schedule and overbudget, was supposed to help future projects steer a clearer path.

"If we didn't have the project team we have, we would have seen

a lot more change orders than we have. We would have seen quality problems go unnoticed," says Piantedosi, in Tuminelli's defense. "The value of having a Phil Tuminelli and whole project team is that we'll have a quality building when it's done."

Both projects are costing hundreds of thousands of dollars extra than was anticipated when Town Meeting approved them. Piantedosi, who oversaw the bidding processes for both projects, says the town's decision to go with the lowest bidding contractor – a decision that's required by law, unless the protesting municipality is prepared to defend its decision otherwise – was the right one.

"I wouldn't have done anything different, looking back," he says.

'Grand slam' proposal falls well short of needed support

■ FIELDS DEAL

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articles.

Article 45 proposed that the town rezone 22 acres of a 129-acre parcel, owned by developer Yvon Cormier, from residential to industrial. Cormier has said in a written statement that he intends to build office space on that parcel, if rezoned.

Articles 46 and 47 proposed that voters authorize officials to enter into agreements with Lowell and Tewksbury for water and sewer service to the parcel.

Months before Town Meeting, Cormier signed a written agreement with Andover Soccer Association and Little League, stating that he would donate to them 15 acres of land for playing fields if Articles 45, 46 and 47 passed, with their support. Cormier is the developer who donated \$1.5 million to the private group Andover Youth Foundation to help pay for construction of a youth center.

Proponents of the pact called it a win-win situation for the town, stating that Cormier's office buildings would bring in \$500,000 in tax revenue for the town, and that sports groups would gain three new fields. According to the agreement, the sports groups, which would own the 15 acres, would build and maintain the fields privately without any help from the

town. Members of Little League and the Soccer Association expressed confidence in being able to raise the money needed to construct the fields. As with any project, before the fields or the office buildings could be built, the projects would have to be approved by town boards.

Opponents of the articles – who included the Board of Selectmen, Planning Director Steve Colyer and the League of Women Voters – stated that rezoning should not happen unless it is part of a clear, thought-out plan taking into consideration the good of the entire community.

"We recognize the need for fields. However, we oppose rezoning land without a long-range plan," said David Ataide of Belle Haven Drive. "Andover has more industrially-zoned acreage than any other (community) in the Merrimack Valley. Why do we need more?"

Ataide also challenged the \$500,000 tax figure, saying the net figure would be closer to \$150,000 after subtracting the town's costs. League of Women Voters member Maria Bartlet had made the same claim weeks earlier.

Many also questioned the ethics behind the pact between Cormier and the sports groups.

Some opponents also wondered whether the pact and Article 45 were an example of illegal contract



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Residents lined up to speak on both sides of the zoning-for-fields debate.

zoning. A lawyer for residents of Bellingham recently overturned an agreement between Bellingham officials and a power-plant company. The agreement stated that the town would rezone land for a new power plant, in exchange for \$8 million from the company to help rebuild Bellingham's high school. That case is now in appeal.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis told voters Monday night that he won't know whether Cormier's proposal and agreement is an example of contract zoning until the Bellingham appeal is settled.

Many people lined up at the pro and con microphones provided for debate at the discussion. Selectman Brian Major walked off the stage and down to the floor to urge support for all three articles.

"I think this proposal is a grand slam," he said, lauding Cormier's and the sports groups' attempt to present a private solution to town-

wide problem of fields. "What we need is some good, creative thinking of how we can generate some funds for Andover," he added, in context of the budget shortfalls the state is predicting for local aid next year.

Michael Miller, former chairman of the Planning Board, told residents that if office buildings weren't built on the parcel, something else soon would be. "It's not a choice between development and no development," he said. "It's a question of what's most appropriate."

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone wasn't convinced that Cormier was putting Andover's best intentions first. "We should not use our youth for personal gain," she said. "And I would challenge Cormier that he donate the full 129 acres to the town of Andover for playing fields."

Town Moderator Jim Doherty

cut off the debate with several speakers still standing at both pro and con microphones. Residents indicated they were ready to vote. A strong showing stood in support of Article 45, but the wave of voters who stood in opposition shouted and cheered, guessing they had won even before the vote was counted. Articles 46 and 47 were quickly overturned as well.

"It went the way I wanted," said Sue Berube, a Hawthorne Circle resident, afterward. "We were being emotionally blackmailed to vote for that article (45). It wasn't about the kids."

Soccer coach John Christoforo of School Street was disappointed. "The kids need more soccer fields and baseball fields," he said.

Cormier was present for the vote, but declined to comment afterwards, having resident Peg Campbell speak for him. "We're disappointed," she said. "We didn't underestimate the neighbors concerns for one minute. We thought it was a good idea."

The vote could mean that Andover Soccer Association and Little League will have to cut some of their programs in the future for lack of playing space, said Arnold. "But that's not the fault of the neighbors," he added, referring to the opposition. "Clearly there's a lot of passion in the town for a solution, and we just haven't found it yet."

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TOWN MEETING

Larger plant, larger water bills now being planned

By Rebecca Piro

Residents have taken the first step towards a \$14-million water-treatment plant improvement project.

Voters approved \$975,000 for design work by passing Article 42 Tuesday night with a vote of 805 to 260. The money will come out of water-user fees, and residents will see an increase of about 25 cents in their water rate – currently \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet of water – by 2006, says Jack Petkus, Public Works director.

If residents decide next year to commit to a full-fledged expansion project, they'll be adding \$14 million for the water treatment plant to the town's list of \$70 million worth of ongoing capital projects. This includes the safety center and new schools, both behind schedule and over-budget, and the sewer-expansion project.

Residents also approved Article 40, a water-ban bylaw, which authorizes selectmen to declare a water-supply emergency and temporarily restrict residents' water usage. Voters withdrew Article 41, a lawn-irrigation-system bylaw that would have required owners of irrigation systems to register with the town and install equipment to prevent backflow problems and excess watering. Selectmen had recommended disapproval of the article, saying they preferred to ask residents to comply voluntarily before establishing a bylaw.

Expansion

Petkus told Town Meeting that the town's water usage, paired



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Town Meeting gave approval for the town to begin planning a possible expansion of its water-treatment plant. If approved, the expansion would cost about \$14 million, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

with new water-quality standards and water sales to other communities, would soon render Andover's plant incapable of treating enough gallons of water per day. Currently, the plant is reaching capacity about five days per year during the summer season, he said.

"It's only five days now. In a few years down the road, it may be 15 or 20 days," he said.

Approving Article 42 would be planning ahead to make sure the plant would stay ahead of the curve in terms of its performance, Petkus added. The money would fund design work and studies focused on improving the water filters and expanding office and storage space.

Selectmen and Finance Committee members recommended approval of the article. Resident Damon Guterman of Lincoln Circle spoke in support as well.

"I'd like to commend the town on its forward thinking on these kinds of articles," he said.

Some residents wondered aloud whether the town should consider reducing the amount of water it sells to other communities, rather than expanding its plant. But Petkus said the town is engaged in a 20-year contract with one community to sell water. "I don't see us breaking that contract," he said.

River Road resident Rich Bizozero also wanted to explore

Attacking rusty water

\$500,000 to replace old water pipes

After voting \$975,000 for improvements to be made at the water-treatment plant Town

Meeting approved \$500,000 to replace old unlined cast iron water mains.

The old mains have built up internal rust and mineral deposits that restrict water flow to fire hydrants and add rust to the water when the hydrants are used.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus said, "The quality of the water depends not only on the water out of the (treatment plant) but on the quality of

the pipes." The article passed quickly without debate.

— Ben Hellman



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

With the number of DPW projects underway, residents will get used to seeing water and sewer pipes.

other solutions before forking over money for an expansion. "Wouldn't it make more sense to get the people who are watering their lawns (excessively) and encourage them to use less water?" he said.

Boston Road resident Matt Johnson said Town Meeting was the first he'd heard of the need for a plant upgrade. "With all the overruns on the other projects in town, this is not the right time. I recommend that we don't approve this," he said.

Bob McQuade, the town's former DPW director for whom the plant is named, spoke in favor of the article and reminded residents that the \$975,000 is for plans only.

"I'm not convinced that we need additional filters at this time," he said. "It's still under study, and we'll know better in year. We have equipment that is approaching 20 years old."

Petkus expects to return to Town Meeting in 2003 and 2004 for the construction money.

Money to give Main Street its look for next 40 years

With another \$269,500 in hand, Main Street Committee will continue to alter state project for Andover

By Rebecca Piro

Town Meeting's endorsement of Article 48 – \$269,500 for improvements to Main Street – is an investment in the future of the downtown, say supporters.

"The vote you make tonight will determine the appearance of downtown Andover for probably the next 40 years," said Cliff Markell, chairman of the Main Street Committee.

The committee's request follows Town Meeting approval of \$304,000 for the project in 1999. The state has promised to spend \$2.5 million improving traffic and pedestrian safety on Main Street, and the town's portion was meant to purchase attractive lighting, park benches, bike racks and trash cans.

Members of the Main Street Committee, commissioned at the

end of 2000 to help with the aesthetics of the project, realized last year that the \$304,000 wasn't enough. Despite the tight budget conditions and the poor economy, members decided to ask for more money.

"It's not the highway department's job to be concerned with the appearance and vitality of our town," said Markell. "That's Andover's responsibility."

If the committee had not asked for the money this year, next year's Town Meeting would have been too late, members said. The state wants to start construction in the summer of 2003, and, with the article's approval, Andover can have the state install the light posts and tree-irrigation systems all at once, rather than paying to rip open the ground again years down the road.

The \$269,500 will pay for man-made brick "pavers" for crosswalks, upgrades to paving materials for the roads, more lamp posts and landscaping.

Markell said the committee would not return to Town Meeting to ask for more money.

"We believe we have the funding to implement the project with this (article)," he said. "Anything else we need we hope to get with grants. Please keep your fingers crossed for us."

Officer Bob Cronin spoke in favor of the project.

"The proposed crosswalks

(with pavers) will create a safer environment," he said, because crosswalks will be more noticeable to motorists.

"It's almost insulting to ask (seniors and other residents) to pay to improve downtown Andover."

JOHN BAKER, WHO WAS AGAINST SPENDING MORE ON MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone spoke against the article, noting that its state funding is not guaranteed. "It's a blessing that we have not lost the funding... based on the time it's taken the committee to go through the issues," she said.

Residents on tight budgets, especially senior citizens struggling with fixed incomes and high taxes, have enough to worry about with their heating and medical bills, said John Baker, a South

Main Street resident.

"It's almost insulting to ask us to pay to improve downtown Andover," he said.

The article, which required a two-thirds vote, passed 251 to 105.

"I'm very pleased it went through," said Markell afterwards. "Now it's back to work. We have to finalize the selection on the lamp (posts), the materials we'll be using and make sure everything we pick fits into the budget."

"It was worth the work," said Committee member Ann Constantine. "I'm really excited for the future of downtown."

The committee will continue working with Pressley Associates, a landscaping design firm, in the coming months. Constantine says resident input will continue to be part of the process.

OBITUARIES

Doris St. Jean

Lifelong resident served in the US Navy during WWII

Doris "Evie" (Porter) St. Jean, 78, a lifelong resident of Andover, died Monday, April 29 at MI Nursing & Restorative Center in Lawrence.



Doris St. Jean

She graduated from Punchard High School and Garland Junior College in Boston and attended Bryan & Stratton School of Business in Boston.

During World War II, Mrs. St. Jean served in the Navy as a yeoman, handling classified information. She also served as an instructor.

Family members said Mrs. St. Jean was very proud of her Navy service and was past commander of American Legion Post 122 in Methuen. She once served as grand marshal of Andover's Memorial Day parade when women veterans were honored.

She was a longtime member of Christ Church, where she served on the church altar guild and at the church thrift shop. She also volunteered at Bread and Roses in Lawrence.

Mrs. St. Jean worked for the Andover school system and was also a nanny for the Kirkland fam-

ily at Phillips Academy.

She was active with the Andover Senior Center. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

She was the widow of Donald St. Jean.

Members of her family include sons, Andover Patrolman David St. Jean of Andover, Stephen St. Jean of Bridgewater, Vt., and Donald and his wife, Nancy St. Jean of Haverhill; daughter, Linda A. Halani of Peabody; brother, Donald Porter of North Andover; sister, Ruth Lawler of Weymouth; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, May 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church, Andover.

Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MI Nursing & Restorative Center, Alzheimer's Unit, Maple Street, Lawrence, MA 01841.

Janet Michaud

Worked in several mills

Janet (Landry) Michaud, 100, formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, April 27 at the Wingate in Andover.

Mrs. Michaud worked in the Wood Mill until it closed and then

worked in various other mills until she retired.

Born in Canada, she was educated in Lawrence and made the city her lifelong home.

She was the widow of Phillip Michaud.

Members of her family include daughters, Lucille Wilkinson of Lawrence and Marcelle Devaney and her husband Joseph of North Adams; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 S. Broadway, Lawrence. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover.

Ruth P. Bash

Was a buyer for Houghton-Mifflin

Ruth P. (Reinhold) Bash, 83, formerly of Brighton, died Wednesday, April 24 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Bash was a buyer for Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Co. in Boston before she retired.

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from Lawrence High School and attended the former Bryant McIntosh School of Business, Lawrence. A longtime resident of Brighton, she was a member of the Ethical Society of Boston.

Members of her family include her sister, M. Beatrice Lewis of Lawrence; stepdaughter, Lois Hutchings of Acton; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Funeral services were private and under the direction of Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Norman A. Therriault

Was a registered nurse

Norman A. Therriault, 48, of Andover, died Saturday, April 27 at home.

He was born in Lowell and was a registered nurse at Whidden Hospital in Everett.

He was an MP and paratrooper with the US Army.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Mr. Therriault was a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, NRA, and Andover Sportsmen's Club.

Members of his family include his wife, Gail (Brennan); a son, Timothy N. Therriault, both of Andover; his mother, Margaret Roy of North Andover and four siblings.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church.

There were no calling hours. Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory.

Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Sumner Berenson

Owned and operated Lawrence Furniture Co.

Sumner Berenson, 84, of Boynton Beach, Fla. and formerly of Andover and Lawrence, died Monday, April 29.

Mr. Berenson owned and operated Lawrence Furniture Co. in Lawrence for several years.

Born and educated in Lowell, he graduated from Lowell High School and received his bachelor's degree from Tufts University in 1939. He completed graduate studies at MIT, Tufts and Boston University in electronics and radio engineering.

Mr. Berenson enlisted in the Army Air Corps in May 1942 and served for more than 30 years. He received the Legion of Merit; American Service Ribbon; European, African, Middle Eastern service ribbons with 10 battle stars; World War II Victory Medal and

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Flora C. Otolo, 77
Doris "Evie" St. Jean, 78
Norman A. Therriault, 48

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CREESE - Walter L. Creese, 82, of North Andover, a prominent architectural historian and educator, died Monday, April 29 at The Meadows in North Andover. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Guy and Virginia Creese of Andover.

DINIZ - Luis Diniz, 60, of Lawrence, died Sunday, April 28 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of his family include his son, Jose Diniz of Andover.

EAMES - John P. "Jack" Eames, 90, of Framingham, died Wednesday, April 24 at the Willows Retirement Community in Westboro. Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Catherine Eames and their triplets, Jack, Betsy, and Maggie Eames, all of Andover.

GARVIN - John H. Garvin, 79, of Methuen, died Tuesday, April 30 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of his family include his daughter, Karen R. Sheldon of Andover.

OTOLO - Flora C. Otolo, 77, of Medford, died Friday, April 26 at home. Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Anthony and Jane Otolo and two grandchildren, Jessica and Alyssa Otolo, all of Andover.

OBITUARIES

The Townsman will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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OBITUARIES

■ SUMNER BERENSON

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Distinguished Unit Badge with one oak leaf cluster.

He was active in the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and was elected to its board of governors in 1946, and in 1952 to 1953 served as its national president. He received the Order of the Lion in 1965, the fraternity's highest honor for alumni.

Mr. Berenson served as treasurer for his local Jewish Community Center, Temple Hebrew School and was active in Camp Bauercrest, serving on its board of directors and as treasurer. He was a member for more than 30 years on the Major General Henry Knox Lodge.

Members of his family include his wife of 46 years, Joan (Zuker) Berenson; son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Berenson and Susan Katz of Haverhill; daughters, Marla and her husband Joseph Gould of Hollywood, Fla., and Lori Berenson of Cambridge; and sister, Florence Pastor of Dover, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Bauercrest, Box 639, Amesbury, MA 01913.

Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, May 1 at Morse-Bayliss Funeral Home, 122 Princeton Blvd., Lowell.

Burial was in Temple Beth El

Cemetery, Chelmsford.

The memorial observance will be through sundown tomorrow, Friday, May 3 at the home of Jeffrey Berenson, 19 Dorian Drive, Haverhill.

Carson F. Dooley

Was a postal carrier

Carson F. Dooley, 81, died Sunday, April 28 at Wingate Nursing Home.

Mr. Dooley was a postal carrier for the Lawrence Post Office for several years.

Born in Schoolfield, Va., he attended Schoolfield High School and joined the Civilian Conservation Corps at age 16.

During World War II, Mr. Dooley served in the Army as a sergeant. He received the Purple Heart and European, African and Middle Eastern service ribbons and was involved in battles in Normandy, the Ardennes, the Rhineland and central Europe.

He was the widower of Grace (Kasouf) Dooley.

Members of his family include sons and daughters-in-law, William and Diana Dooley of

Salem, N.H., and Robert and Sandra Dooley of Groveland; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Kevin Moran; brothers, William T. Dooley of Richmond, Va., and Edward of Danville, Va.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

A funeral service will be held today, Thursday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in United Lebanese Cemetery, Andover.

Valma T. Cox

Owned The Brass Ring Gift Shop downtown

Valma T. (Beaulieu) Cox, 73, died Monday, April 29, at the family residence in Haverhill.

She was born in Methuen and graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mrs. Cox formerly owned The Brass Ring Gift Shop in downtown Andover.

She was a lifetime member of Holy Family Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and her family said she was a wonderful cook.

She was a longtime resident of Lawrence, Methuen and Andover.

She was the widow of Leonard F. Cox.

Members of her family include two daughters, Colleen C. and her husband, Robert "Bob" Perry of Andover and Corliss M. Cox of Haverhill; a brother, Bertram P. Beaulieu of Methuen; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are tomorrow, Friday, May 3, from 8 to 9:15 a.m.

at the Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St. in Methuen.

A funeral Mass will follow at St. Monica Church in Methuen.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bread and Roses, 58 Newbury St., Lawrence, MA 01840; or to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Building #9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Nature/Birding Walks: Local expert, Al Retelle, will offer a series of nature walks for the next three Mondays. We'll be leaving from the center at 7:30 a.m. There is no charge, but sign-up is necessary so we will know how many people to expect. We don't want to leave without you. Come experience spring migration at its best.

Newcomers Coffee: If you'd like to learn more about upcoming spring programs and opportunities at the senior center, we invite you

to drop in for our next newcomers coffee hour Tuesday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. The staff will be happy to provide you with information.

Brown Bag Lecture: You won't want to miss our next brown bag lunch/lecture Wednesday, May 8 at noon. Virginia Lopez Begg has visited and photographed many of the renowned gardens of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley. Her slide lecture will take us through four captivating Philadelphia gardens to illustrate the area's remarkable legacy of beauty. Reservations (\$2) are greatly appreciated. Bring your lunch; we'll supply dessert and beverages.

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Chance to change town government

In case four nights of Town Meeting weren't enough, members of the Town Government Review Committee are hoping voters will be willing to talk about Town Meeting some more.

The committee is holding its second public hearing next Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library to hear what residents like and dislike about Town Meeting.

It is wrapping up two years of study of Town Meeting and Andover's government. It hopes to submit a final report to selectmen this summer or early fall.

"We hope that people will come with ideas and reactions about the previous Town Meeting," says member Paul Dow.

Up to this point, the committee says it has not found any strong reasons to recommend a change from open Town Meeting. In fact, it has not arrived at any recommendations that would significantly change Andover's form of government, says Mike Morris, committee chairman.

"There are those... who feel we should do something dramatically different, but they have to say why and they have to give us some evidence. We haven't seen the evidence that would require us to do things dramatically different," he says.

The committee has discussed options for change including a representative Town Meeting, where voters would elect representatives

to make decisions for the whole, or a town council, where a few elected people would govern the town, says member Rusty Dunbar. They've also discussed the concept of pro and con microphones for Town Meeting debate, which was tried this year; improving parking so more people can attend Town Meeting; and urging article proponents to make briefer presentations.

Anyone who cannot attend the meeting can submit written comments to the committee, care of Town Clerk Randy Hanson, whose office is located in the Town Offices building on Bartlet Street. Comments can also be e-mailed to <rhanson@town.andover.ma.us>.

— Rebecca Piro

TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Town landlord to renters in foreclosed lot

Voters have approved \$200,000 to maintain the town's newest assets — the foreclosed-upon properties at 16 and 7 Haverhill St. and 10 Tantallon Road.

Passage of Article 32 authorizes town officials to spend some of the rent money it will take in this year to repair the building at 16 Haverhill St., which currently houses Perpetual Motion and Brookridge Community Church.

On April 9, the town foreclosed upon that building, as well as an empty building at 10 Tantallon Road and a vacant parcel at 7 Haverhill St. Former owners, partners of the Shawsheen Village Commerce Center, owed the town almost \$1 million in taxes on the properties, according to the town. Their debts go back as far as 1989.

Tax Collector David Reilly expects the town will receive

\$120,000 in rent from 16 Haverhill St. during the next year.

"We need to be able to maintain the safety of the tenants in there until we decide what we're going to do with (the building)," he said.

The previous owners have one year to pay the taxes and buy the

building back, Reilly said. If that doesn't happen, the town will have to make a decision about the properties' future. At least one group, proponents for a new senior center, have expressed interest in taking over the building at 16 Haverhill St.

— Rebecca Piro

More money for maintenance

Town Meeting voted to approve \$935,000 for upkeep and improvements to the schools and \$125,000 for the Town Offices.

Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman, said it was part of "timely finance and repair" and spoke for her committee in recommending its approval.

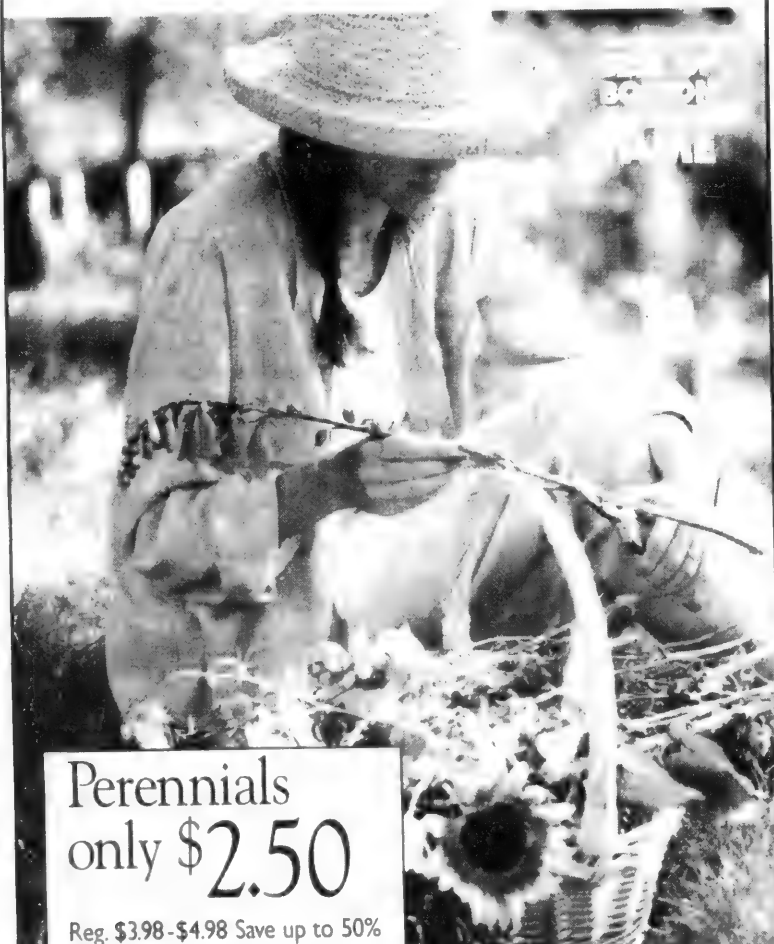
The money will cover all costs for temperature control and ventilation projects for West Elemen-

tary, West Middle, Doherty Middle and Shawsheen schools, renovate the Collins Center stairs, and replace Bancroft's gymnasium, remove its tower and rebuild stairs there.

On the town side \$125,000 will implement temperature control, ventilation and electrical-system upgrades, and improve the fire-alarm system in Town Offices.

— Ben Hellman

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TOWN MEETING RESULTS

Green light for Lovejoy/Dascomb road work

Voters have approved \$122,000 more to install traffic signals and sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Lovejoy and Dascomb roads.

Town Meeting had already committed \$140,000 for the project in 2000, but officials said its

cost has increased due to inflation and changes to the plans. The investment is an important one, said Selectman Brian Major. Police have reported 15 accidents there in the past two years.

When the Fieldstone Meadows subdivision came before the Plan-

ning Board for approval years ago, members tried to insist that the developer install a traffic signal at what would become the intersection of Acorn Drive, Dascomb Road and Lovejoy Road. The developer resisted the idea, said Planning Director Steve Colyer.

The project will go out to bid this spring, officials said.

—Rebecca Piro

No home for apartments

Article 58 to rezone six parcels near the crossroads of Routes 125 and 28 failed Tuesday night.

Attorney Andrew A. Caffrey Jr. argued for Thomas Silvestro that the town needs apartments, and that the area considered is separated from the rest of the town by industrial zoning. If the area were turned into an apartment complex, 60 units could be available. The

Planning Board and selectmen recommended disapproval. Peggy Keck, 52 Harold Parker Road, said this was "a perfect example" of a rezoning plan that wasn't properly researched. "If there is a need for apartment, let the Planning Board handle it," she said. A South Main Street resident described the idea as, "More traffic, more noise, less beauty, less trees."

NOT SITTING IDLE



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Town Meeting approved \$30,000 from the Off-Street Parking Reserve Fund to repair and improve the parking lots in Olde Andover Village and Memorial Hall Library. The money from the fund comes from parking meters.

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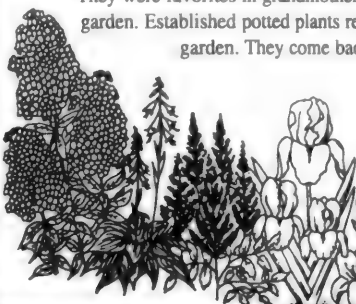
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Police say they weren't notified

■ POLICE AND ASSAULT

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Housing Authority employees only, and not by correctional officers. Now, the Housing Authority must explain to police and town officials — who say Friday's attack was the first they had heard of the agreement — how it happened.

"We would have liked to have known if there were unsupervised inmates in town, definitely," says Andover Lt. Jim Hashem. The sheriff's department has notified the police when high-level security inmates have come to town to clean the sides of highways, and those inmates are always supervised by a corrections officer, he says.

The Housing Authority office was closed on Friday afternoon when the attack occurred. Christine Metzmaekers, director of the Housing Authority, did not return several phone calls from the *Townsmen*, nor did Ron Hajj, Housing Authority chairman. Jim Cuticchia, a member of the Housing Authority board, did return a call and refused to comment.

On Wednesday, Hashem still knew very little about how the community service program worked, whether the same inmates had frequented the Housing Authority, and for how long the program had been operating. "That is not anything (the Andover Housing Authority) shared with us," he adds.

Paul Fleming, a spokesperson for the Essex County Sheriff's Department, says it was standard procedure for inmates who had progressed to the second of three

levels in the program to perform community service without supervision by a corrections officer (see story, page 1). Other communities in Massachusetts have participated in the program, including Methuen, Haverhill, North Andover and Lawrence. He says the Andover Housing Authority understood that it was responsible for supervising the inmates.

"The towns sign an agreement with the sheriff's department, which said it would accept community service work crews going into their communities," says Fleming. "The towns were responsible for picking up the inmates and bringing them to the work site." In this case, it was the Andover Housing Authority, not the town of Andover, that signed the agreement to participate in the program. The Housing Authority is not a town department, but a separate governmental entity.

On Tuesday, Fleming produced a copy of the "Community Service Agreement" between the Housing Authority and the Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center, signed by Dorrance. The former director had announced intentions of improving the Authority's physical plant, which he said looked "a little tired."

Fleming also produced a copy of a letter sent to James Johnson, former Andover police chief, dated January 1998. That letter stated in three sentences that inmates would be performing work in town, under direction of the Essex County Sheriff's Department. "These are the agreements we have on record and they are still in good standing,"

says Fleming. He says both documents prove that the department notified Andover police about the inmates' activity in town, and that the Housing Authority had taken full responsibility for them.

Hashem, who says he'd never seen or heard of the more-than-four-year-old letter prior to this week, says it doesn't qualify as credible notification.

"It is addressed to a chief no longer active at the Andover Police Department. The letter doesn't indicate the location that (the inmates) will be working, who will be supervising them, and it doesn't tell me how long they'll be working in town," he says. "I don't consider that to be notification."

Fleming would not comment on whether the sheriff's department could be considered negligent for not sending the police updated letters of notification, or renewing its agreement with the Housing Authority.

"It was just a program that kept going through the years," he says.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he never knew that the Housing Authority was welcoming inmates to perform maintenance work, and that he'll be speaking with Hajj to find out more, as will the police.

"I'm just as surprised as you," he told a *Townsmen* reporter. Stapczynski says he has never had a problem with inmates' rehabilitation programs in general. But since Friday's attack, he says he is uncomfortable that the Andover police didn't know about the arrangement prior to the incident. "It bothers me," he says.



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Housing Authority alleged sex assault brings change

■ RAPE

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personnel there, yes. I don't think you can call that supervision, because any supervision of inmates needs to come from the sheriff's department," says Lt. Jim Hashem.

The Housing Authority office was closed Friday when the attack occurred. Christine Metzmaekers, director of the Andover Housing Authority, has not returned phone calls from the *Townsmen*, nor has Housing Authority board member Ron Hajj.

"The work crew we had at the Andover Housing Authority was supposed to be under the supervision of the Andover Housing Authority," says Paul Fleming, spokesperson for the department. "That's how the system works. That's standard."

But Alex Mattei, 38, of Lawrence, allegedly slipped away from his maintenance job, broke into a Grandview Terrace resident's home, and raped and beat her.

The female, who was taken to Lawrence General Hospital by ambulance, is reportedly staying with family and recovering. Mattei was arrested at the scene and charged with aggravated rape, indecent assault and battery, assault with intent to rape, burglary and putting a person in fear while breaking and entering in the daytime. He pled not guilty at an arraignment at Lawrence District Court on Monday and will await a

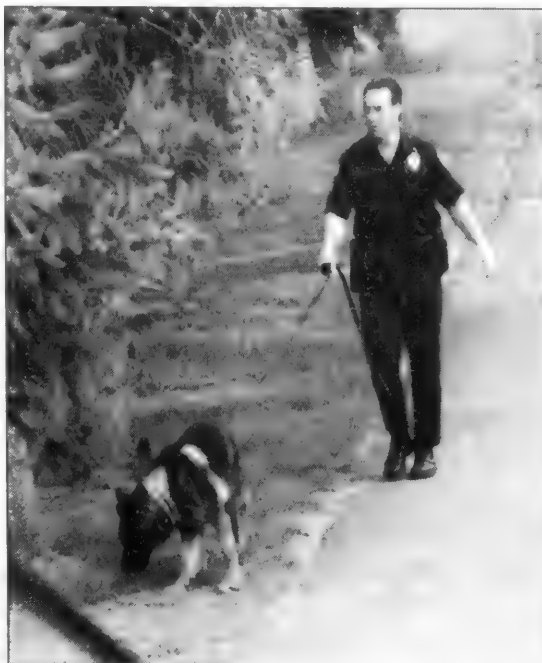


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Andover police search the area near the Housing Authority following an alleged rape.



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Police talk in the doorway to a women's home in Andover's public housing last Friday.

bail hearing Friday at Middleton House of Corrections.

The crew at the Housing Authority was the only inmate crew working in Andover.

Until Friday, the sheriff's community-service program was run on three levels.

When an inmate entered the program in its former structure, that inmate started out on the first level, supervised by correctional officers. If that inmate had no problems, he or she would progress to the second level, and eventually the third.

Only the first-level inmates were supervised by corrections officers. Second-level inmates, such as Mattei, were supervised by employees of the community where the inmates were stationed. The third level was a work-release system, where inmates had the most freedom, and were supervised only by their employer.

The inmates who participate in the community-service program at Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center are typically low-level offenders, serving time for drug possession or drunk driving, says

Fleming. Mattei, who was finishing a sentence for illegal drug possession, was assigned to the Housing Authority just last week. He reportedly had been arrested a total of 33 times. Fleming did not know what the other three inmates working with Mattei were serving time for.

Fleming says those inmates do not pose a significant threat to the community where they work. Before

joining the community-service program, each inmate is questioned by the sheriff's department.

"They're not allowed to do community service unless they've gone through other rehabilitative

programs, like an alternative to violence class, (or) substance-abuse treatment for offenders," Fleming says. Effective immediately, the sheriff's department has eliminated the second level of the program and will bump the inmates who were classified at that level back up into the highest-security level. The third level, the work-release portion of the program, will remain the same.

"We had one, tragic, unfortunate, horrible incident," says Fleming. "We've made our adjustments, and we're going to move forward now."

Fleming still praises the program, saying it's benefited communities and the inmates' rehabilitation for the 20-plus years of its existence. Friday's rape and beating was the first incident of that caliber in the program's history, he says.

The program is supposed to make inmates repay their debt to society, while at the same time preparing them to reenter society, says Fleming. The community-service program is a necessity for the inmates, who need to become

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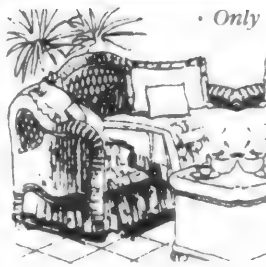
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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Saturday, April 27 - At 1:11 a.m., Eurico Mendonca, 30, of 6 Thorton Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lanes.

At 10:35 a.m., Soon Deok Kim, 36, of 36 Boxford St., Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

At 11:32 p.m., Hugh Arnold, 19, of 47 Randall Ave., Ocean Park, Maine, was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

Sunday, April 28 - At 12:21 a.m., Kathleen Isbister, 22, of 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with being disorderly.

At 1:10 a.m., Ryan Driscoll, 19, of 106 Ramshead St., Medford, was arrested and charged with being disorderly and being a minor transporting alcohol.

At 3:06 a.m., Patrick Flanagan, 21, of 143 Park Road, Brockton, was arrested and charged with committing malicious damage to property.

At 12:43 p.m., Don Mattos, 40, of 192 Maple St., Danvers, was arrested and charged with violating the crosswalk law, driving with defective equipment, failing to stop for a police officer, operating a vehicle negligently, forging a Registry of Motor Vehicles document, failing to put a seat belt on a child, a stop-sign violation, driving without insurance or registra-

tion, an inspection-sticker violation and a number-plate violation.

At 1:01 p.m., Maureen Ballard, 49, of 21 McKenney Circle, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny by a check written for less than \$250.

Tuesday, April 30 - At 10:17 a.m., Kristen Delisio, 20, of 6 Plum Hill Road, Manchester, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

At 3:12 p.m., Tom Grat, 28, of 182 Farmham St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving without an inspection sticker or insurance, driving with a revoked registration and revoked license,

and possessing a Class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 24 - At 9:35 a.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported receiving annoying phone calls.

At 12:29 p.m., police assisted the fire department in responding to calls of brush fires off Gould Road.

At 4 p.m., a caller reported that a male was "tearing up the grass with a golf club" on York Street, according to the log.

Thursday, April 25 - At 10 a.m., an employee from Burt

Sheriff's: 'Great program'

SEXUAL ASSAULT

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reaccustomed to society and the working world before they are released.

"They have to be reintegrated into society," he says. "It's helpful to them in the rehabilitative process that they go out and work."

Fleming says that prior to Sunday's decision, the department wasn't "taking chances" by allowing inmates to roam around without officer supervision.

"It was a great program. We don't want the inmates sitting around and doing nothing," he says. "We want them out in the community, repaying their debt to society."

The program at the Housing Authority has been terminated completely, says Hashem. The police will be speaking with Housing Authority officials and the sheriff's department before an inmates' work program is reinstated, if ever.

"(A representative from the sheriff's department) assured me that the program was not in place at this time, and if inmates or this type of program was brought back to Andover, they would make a notification to us," says Hashem.

The police cannot refuse to allow inmates into a community, he adds. "We left it at that. We obviously have a difference of opinion on what notification and supervision is."

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POLICE LOG

Road reported that her supervisor had threatened her.

At 2:31 p.m., two girls from Andover High School reported that they were being harassed by a motorist.

Friday, April 26 - At 11:28 a.m., EMTs assisted a female from Somerset Drive whose thumb had been "severed by a dog leash," according to the log.

At 12:05 p.m., a caller from the Andover Country Club reported a jewelry case that had been left inside a limousine.

At 4:13 p.m., a homeowner on Coventry Lane reported that he had accidentally locked a contractor inside the house and the house's alarm went off when the contractor tried to exit.

At 6:10 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that a boy had put his son in a headlock.

At 6:47 p.m., a Golden Oaks Lane resident reported that his hammock had been smashed.

Sunday, April 28 - At 12:21 a.m., a caller reported that he was concerned about a person who he thought was talking about committing suicide.

Monday, April 29 - At 5:27 a.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported that the exhaust system on the mail-delivery vehicle was loud and was bothering him.

Tuesday, April 30 - At 7:13 a.m., a caller reported that two employees from a North Main

Street store had gotten in a fight. One person's hand was injured in the fight, and an officer issued a court summons to one person for assault and battery.

At 9 a.m., a Shattuck Road caller reported that he had been threatened over the phone.

At 3:13 p.m., an officer confiscated false identification from a person on School Street.

At 4:34 p.m., a state police trooper reported that a young boy was pedaling a bike near Route 125 with a sign that said he was running away. An officer did not see the boy.

BREAKS

Sunday, April 28 - At 8:17 a.m., a Cross Street resident reported that someone had broken into his house the previous night, had a party and trashed the place. Detectives responded to the scene to check for fingerprints.

THEFTS (partial)

Wednesday, April 24 - At 12:39 p.m., a Stevens Street resident reported the theft of a pearl chain, a gold chain and some batteries.

At 4:02 p.m., a Lowell Street male reported that a contractor had never shown up to perform work he had already been paid to do.

Friday, April 26 - At 7:32 a.m., an officer took two young females

back to the police station after they were accused of shoplifting from a Main Street store.

Saturday, April 27 - At 12:39 p.m., a Summer Street resident reported the theft of a bike.

Sunday, April 28 - At 10:30 a.m., a Pike School employee reported that the school's sign had been stolen.

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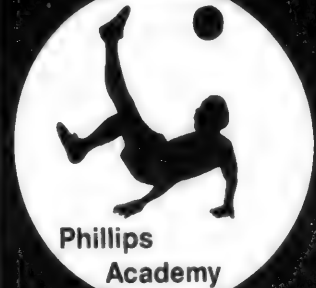
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Revolutionary War era cemetery is town's

By Ben Hellman

Linda Tyler and Tracy Stocks have a cemetery in their backyards. It's the Woodbridge Jenkins Cemetery, the resting place of some of Andover's founding families and several Revolutionary War veterans.

The cemetery became town land last week at Town Meeting.

"We are excited," said Tyler. "It's such a big part of history. I'm sort of a history buff." Tyler says that the cemetery gives the neighborhood "a flavor."

"We've retained some of the history (of Andover)," she said. The two women volunteered to be wardens for the cemetery. The unofficial title means that they will contact the proper authorities in case the cemetery needs maintenance.

The Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery have agreed to take over the cemetery's upkeep. They intend to put a footbridge over the drainage ditch that separates the cemetery from the road and install a fence and a plaque, said Trustee Paul Caselle. Tyler, Stocks and their husbands have been taking care of the cemetery's upkeep. In fact, Paul Tyler got a bad case of poison ivy when he made a border for the burial ground out of rocks.

Karen Herman, Preservation Commission chairwoman, says she wishes the burial ground had remained connected to the Jenkins farmhouse, a



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Linda Tyler (with daughter, Julia) and Tracy Stocks will be wardens of the cemetery, which rests near their homes, and is now town property.

stop on the Underground Railroad visited by Frederick Douglas, for whom the street is named after, and Harriet Beecher Stowe. "That would have been the most respectful thing to do," she said. The Jenkins family removed their relatives from the cemetery plot in the 1800s.

Director of Veterans Services, John

Doherty said, "It is something we'll be proud about for years." He called the preservation of the veteran's graves "a major legacy of Andover's military history."

Caselle said that the cemetery should have an opening ceremony in late August or September. "I'm looking forward to early fall," he said.

Article 34 - Reverse 911 ability

Police get the call

By Rebecca Piro

The Andover Police department has your number - and, thanks to approval of Article 34, they'll be calling you if an emergency pops up in your neighborhood.

Voters approved Article 34, which asked for \$500,000 for three town projects, including the installation of an emergency notification system for \$65,000. The system's trademark name is Reverse 911, and it does just what it implies. Instead of residents dialing 911 to alert the police to an emergency, the police can use the system to alert a particular neighborhood, or all of town if necessary, to protect them in an emergency.

"In the event of a natural disaster or a man-made emergency, we can leave a recorded message on their answering machine," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

Other communities including Woburn and Concord have already implemented the system, he says. The system would have come in handy for Andover last March, when a late-winter snowstorm buried the town in two feet of snow, and most residents were left without heat and electricity for about 12 hours. Police could have used the system to call every affected resident and tell them that town employees were setting up a temporary shelter at Andover High School.

"You can be very specific with it. You can just notify a street or an area of town at a time," says Pattullo.

The police promise their calls won't become as routine as telemarketers'. Pattullo wants residents to know that if the department is calling them, it's for a good reason. "We don't want people to be accustomed to... picking up the phone and hearing messages from the police department," he says. "We wouldn't do it for school closings." The article also includes \$410,000 for the installation of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Memorial Hall Library.

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Education

ARTICLE 27

Limited school choice article fails at Town Meeting

By Ben Hellman

MICHAEL PAPA'S ARTICLE TO ALLOW LIMITED SCHOOL CHOICE TO parents in five crossover neighborhoods failed at Town Meeting on Monday night.

During his presentation for Article 27, Papa introduced himself as "a family man" who represented a significant group of parents. "Not every child will be hurt (by being in a crossover area), but some will be," he said. Crossover areas are parts of town where elementary-school students will be redistricted to a different middle school than the majority of their elementary-school classmates will attend.

Papa said that the current redistricting, within the crossover neighborhoods, caused "chaos, confusion, gerrymandering and above all hurts the students."

"My name is Gerry Gustus and I'm not responsible for gerrymandering," said School Committee member Gerry Gustus in his rebuttal to Papa's presentation. "Crossover isn't something this task force invented," he said. He said that "fairness" to the redistricting task force meant making sure that every school remained below 100-percent student capacity. Allowing parents to decide where their children attend middle school would cause some schools to have more students than others. "Ideally we'd have all middle schools at 90 percent," he said. "Planning, staffing, and going on with school business will be extremely more difficult," said Gustus, if this plan was adopted.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Mike Papa is now faced with looking into alternatives to help crossover students.

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The School Committee had not previously taken a stand on Papa's article, choosing to gauge public opinion at Town Meeting. Town Council Tom Urbelis said that the decision fell in the School Committee's domain. "If Town Meeting votes 'yes' it would not be binding."

Jason Gordon of 4 Sparta Way was a speaker for the article. "I never imagined that my eldest daughter would come to me and say that she is being separated from every single friend she has. I wish I could convincingly say it will be all right," he said. Gordon said he wasn't asking for special treatment. "I'd like to be treated like the rest of you," he said. Sixth-grader Michael Parker also spoke for the article, saying, "Moving will make it much harder to learn."

Peggy Kruse spoke against the article. She said that her daughter would be affected by the redistricting, but that she could not support it. "(This article) will drive up class sizes," she said.

After the article failed by an uncounted majority, Papa said he was "very disappointed" and did not believe Gustus had responded to his arguments. "He didn't speak to my numbers and gave the committee line," he said.

Gustus, who also has children who will be affected by the redistricting, said, "I represented the School Committee. He has an opinion. I don't mean to devalue it. We had our opinions. It's not that I'm unsympathetic. We (the School Committee) followed a process."

Papa says he plans to take a week off and continue looking into alternatives to help crossover students.

"My name is Gerry Gustus and I'm not responsible for gerrymandering."

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER
GERRY GUSTUS



Joan O'Donnell of Wakefield reads to her granddaughter, Maggie Marie Casto, a second-grader at South School.

Families in the classroom

South School celebrates Older Americans Day

By Ben Hellman

SOUTH SCHOOL second-graders celebrated Older Friends Day last week. Grandparents, older relations and friends were invited to spend part of the day at the South School and see how their students spend their day.

Joan O'Donnell came up from Wakefield to accompany her granddaughter, Maggie Marie Casto. During Maggie's media period, O'Donnell read to the second-grader.

"This is very nice that they do this in Andover.

"It is just miraculous to me the way families come together."

GWEN WARWICK,
SOUTH SCHOOL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It's beautiful what they do in Andover for education," said O'Donnell.

"It is just miraculous to me the way families come together," said Gwen Warwick, South School assistant principal. She said that the event had an almost 100 percent turnout by grandparents, parents and older friends and relatives of the children.

"I think that building a bridge between the older generation and the schools is important," said Warwick.

This year's Older Friends Day was the second celebrated by the school.



◀ South School second-graders, accompanied by their older relatives, enjoy a lesson from health teacher Jackie Salvesen (at left).

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LUNCH MENUS

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Elementary schools

Monday: Barbecue chicken, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk; white cake with icing.

Tuesday: Monte Cristo sandwich, chocolate chip pancakes with ham, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk. Lucky tray day.

Wednesday: Fun fish nuggets, pizza ring with marinara sauce, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Meat-filled raviolis, french toast with sausage, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Beef & cheese sub with pasta salad, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog on a roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Barbecue chicken, baked chicken nuggets, two toasted cheese sandwiches, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Monte Cristo sandwich, french toast with sausage, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk; white cake with icing.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two tacos with lettuce and tomato, cheeseburger with potato puffs, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Tuna salad on hot dog roll, rib-b-que sub, nachos with cheese sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Barbecue chicken, stuffed crust pizza, pizza pasta, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two Monte Cristo sandwiches with chips, bakery pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk, rotini with meat sauce.

Thursday: Meat-filled raviolis, bakery pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger with fries, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

New Healthy Choice menu

Salads: chef's, chicken, caesar, pasta with roll, fruit and milk.

Soup and 1/2 sandwich: on bulkie with potato salad, fruit, raisins, brownie and milk; imported ham, deli turkey, chicken salad, tuna salad, seafood salad.

Calzones with fries, fruit and milk, cold cut, chicken parm, ham and cheese, cheeseburger.

Pizza rings, fresh risen dough brushed with a garlic sauce, topped with whole mozzarella and topped with pepperoni, served with a cup of pizza sauce, fruit and milk.

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SCHOOL TALK



Holding their National Geographic certificates signed by Acting Gov. Jane Swift, are, from left: R. Duncan Lennon, an eighth-grader at Doherty Middle School; Andi Zhou, a fifth-grader at South Elementary; and Isaac Goldman, a sixth-grader at Merrimack Valley Hebrew Academy of Lowell. Not pictured: Karl Novick, a seventh-grader at West Middle School.

A total of 105 Massachusetts students in grades 4 through 8 competed in the 14th annual Massachusetts State Geographic Bee at Clark University in Worcester on Friday, April 5.

There were four Andover residents representing their schools: R. Duncan Lennon, an eighth-grader at Doherty Middle School; Andi Zhou, a fifth-grader at South Elementary; Isaac Goldman, a sixth-grader at Merrimack Valley Hebrew Academy of Lowell; and Karl Novick, a seventh-grader at West Middle School.

To be eligible for the state level of the Bee, sponsored by National Geographic, a student must win the Geographic Bee at his or her school and then pass a written qualifying exam administered by National

Geographic. The winner at the state level this year, an eighth-grader from Norwood, will compete in the national finals in Washington, D.C., on May 21-22.

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The Andover High class of 1977 is planning a reunion. Anyone interested in joining the committee to plan the 25th class reunion should meet at 300 Brickstone Square, (PAN, 7th floor) next Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m.

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The Sanborn Playground Committee is trying to raise \$45,000 to build a new playground at Sanborn Elementary School. There will be an auction on Friday, June 7, at Indian Ridge Country Club to help raise money for this project. Pictured in photo (left) are: Lauren Frei, Emil Frei, Steve Jankauskas (principal), Debbie Begos, Kimberly Taylor, and Lisa McDonald. Another fundraiser for the new playground includes "Buy A Brick," which enables the parents to purchase bricks engraved with their child's name on it. These bricks will be used to build a patio near the new playground. For more information, call Lisa at 978-475-9397.

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TOWN TALK

I do, I do, skip the honeymoon for now

The BIG day for State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) is Saturday, May 25, when he marries Amy Gottesman.



Barry Finegold

The 8 p.m. ceremony is set to take place at the Boston Harbor Hotel in Boston.

But the newlyweds have no plans to honeymoon immediately after the event.

"It's an election year for me so we are not taking a honeymoon right away," Finegold said this week.

He has at least one opponent, as Michael Frishman of Andover plans to run against Finegold.

..... Finegold's political strategy - planning his honeymoon around his political career - is certainly not unusual.

A few years ago, Congressman Marty Meehan married Ellen Murphy of Andover and they honeymooned in Chicago - the site of that year's Democratic National Convention.

- Judy Wakefield

Don't be so dense

At the end of the arguments for rezoning Article 58, Louis Velazquez, of 12 Bridle Path Road said, "I resist any increase in population density."

As he called for the vote, Moderator Jim Doherty retorted, "If I felt that way years ago, you wouldn't be here."

- Ben Hellman

Giving advertisers an edge

Andover native Michael Chiklis's new tough-guy act has scared away some advertisers from his new cop series, *The Shield*.



Michael Chiklis

Cable network FX premiered the show this spring. Chiklis - who has played nice-guy characters in past comedies - told the *Townsmen* that violence and subject matter in *The Shield* could be tough to swallow.

"(The show) does get into some real dark areas," he admitted.

Apparently, it has too much of an edge for some advertisers, who begged off the time slot recently, according to published reports.

Though some advertisers are backing away, FX has renewed *The Shield*'s contract.

- Rebecca Piro

After-school art workshop planned

Andover artist Tamara Krendel will teach a special after-school workshop for children ages 7-9 at the Andover Historical Society on Wednesday, May 22, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. "What We See With Our Imagination, or What We See into Poetry" is a hands-on workshop using a variety of media, exploring color, shape, and play with the absorption or reflection of light.

The healing touch

An ancient Asian healing art, Reiki is said to channel life energy from the healer, into the person being treated

By Rebecca Piro

It's silent. It's invisible. And it can put you to sleep.

It's the magic of Reiki, say believers - and it's available in Andover. Reiki is an ancient Asian healing art, which believers say channels life energy through the healer and into the person being treated.

"It's very relaxing," says Robin McGlone, a Reiki master. "When you're in that state... your own healing ability kicks in."

McGlone and three other Reiki practitioners offer their healing touch to residents at Andover Commons on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 - just before bedtime.

"Snoring is music to our ears!" she laughs, nodding to people lying with their eyes already closed. "When a client is snoring, we know (he or she) is accepting the energy."

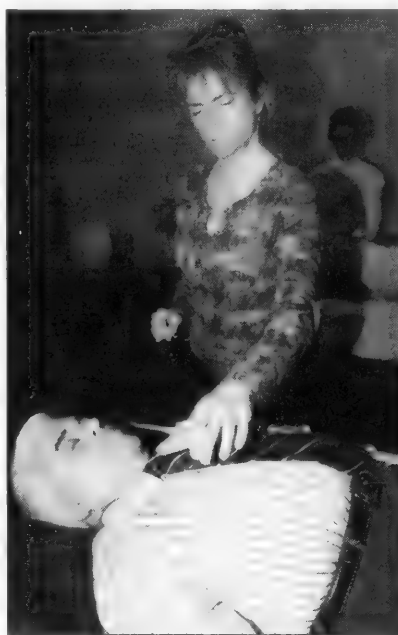
The first-time Reiki recipient undoubtedly experiences a sense of quiet and peace initially, just from the setting. Four cotton-sheeted beds in pastel colors stand in a row. The lights are dim; the background music is soothing. There's even a waterfall in the next room to complete the serenity.

That's before the Reiki practitioners start waving their arms in wide arcs around the people being treated.

"We'll scan the body first," says McGlone, swinging her arms with quiet swishes of air. She says she's testing the person's aura, or electromagnetic waves emanating from his or her body, to find out where the trouble spots in need of healing are. "Every living thing has an aura. It gives us information about the person."



Reiki practitioner Terri Gresso



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Robin McGlone, a Reiki master, works on Roberto de Sotomayor.

Terri Gresso, a Reiki practitioner working on a client at the next table, is placing her hands gently but firmly on the person. "They feel the heat from our hands," she explains.

Body heat, right?

"It's also the Reiki energy," she insists.

The practitioners are used to skeptical looks. But - characteristically enough - they let it slide off their backs.

"You don't let other people's opinions and skepticism take that away, because you know in your heart it really works," McGlone says. "I have had one person say, 'this is hokey-pokey.'" She gave that person a Reiki treatment, and that was the end of that, she says. "They keep coming back," she laughs.

After an hour of this energy transferring, the clients - many who must be roused out of slumber - seem to agree.

"I had pneumonia," says Alice Hennessey. "I was skeptical. But with the first treatment I felt better and I had energy."

"You feel the warmth. It's very strange," adds Barbara Thomann. "More heat seems to come from some people than others."

Grace Fraize is a true believer. "When those people do things..." she pauses with admiration. "They know what they're doing."

So why do McGlone and her fellow practitioners give up their Thursday nights?

"The Reiki has given me life, shown me love and how to give love," says McGlone. "That's what we're lacking in

this world - love."

McGlone has treated people for stress, anxiety, pneumonia, fibromyalgia, arthritis and muscular dystrophy, and the level of results is different for every person.

In fact, McGlone says some doctors prescribe Reiki treatments to their patients, especially before and after surgery, to help with pain.

"My Reiki master who trained me works in a hospital doing Reiki," she says. "Some (insurances) cover it. Doctors recommend it."

Dr. Robert Schreiber, the medical director of geriatric services at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, hasn't prescribed Reiki for any of his patients. "I haven't seen any real evidence at this point," he says.

Schreiber has heard of some medical centers in western states using Reiki to treat medical problems, but says the healing art is by no means mainstream. He wants to see more research and results before he considers it a real option for his patients. "It's another possibility, another method for patients to get control over their body, but it's not clear what the widespread applicability of that method is," he says.

Reiki came to the US in the 1980s and started out with 22 Reiki masters. That number has swelled to the hundreds, McGlone says.

McGlone's own office is in Danvers, and is called the Reiki Wellness Group. She charges about \$50 for a private Reiki session. The residents at Andover Commons get a real Reiki deal for a suggested donation of \$10 per treatment.

"We don't promise miracles, but we know they do happen," she says.



Amy Bernardin works on Nunzio Rappazzo at Andover Commons.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Gala to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The Boston Chapter of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital presents the "Building for a Cure Gala" to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There will be a silent and live auction with many items such as weekend getaways, sports memorabilia, artwork, furniture and decorating, pampering packages and more. Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing, while helping a charity. The evening will be held at Andover Country Club, Canterbury Street, on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets (\$75 per person) can be purchased by calling Cindi Richard at 978-689-7651. If you would like to donate an auction item, contact Richard. Donations are encouraged and welcomed to help make this night a success, she said.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. The hospital is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for cata-

strophic diseases of childhood.

For more information, visit <www.stjude.org>.

One-night writing workshop set for survivors of cancer

The Andover/North Andover Branch of the Merrimack Valley YMCA will host a writing workshop for cancer survivors, called "Writing: Your Own Voice/Your Own Words," on Wednesday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

During the evening, the group will explore imagery, word-association techniques, and listening to one's own voice. The workshop will be led by Elaine R. Cohen, MEd, whose master's degree is in creative arts; and Fran Booth, LICSW, BCD, a workshop leader with 25 years experience.

No writing experience is necessary. Participants must bring a notebook and pen.

Pre-register at the member services desk. For information, contact the YMCA at 978-685-3541.

Local crafters to exhibit at Andover Crafts in the Park

The 27th annual Andover Crafts in the Park will be held Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Park at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets, one block east of Main Street, in the center of Andover.

This year no rain date is scheduled, and the show will be held rain or shine.

Only original, handcrafted work is accepted by the committee, which is chaired by Sue Wahr of Andover. This juried show features the work of more than 100 crafters, many of whom are local.

Yolanda Mendez, a longtime participant from Andover, will feature her wall-hangings and doorstops. Pam Newman, of Andover, is a newcomer exhibiting her jewelry.

Heather Bevilacqua, of North Andover, has children's clothing. Jean Drolet of Salem, N.H., will exhibit her calligraphy and 3D paper art. William Hutton from Methuen will tempt your palate with

tasty herbal dips. Lolita Demers, also from Methuen, will sell her pottery creations, which include jewelry, tiles and picture frames.

According to organizers, the craft show has been one of the area's rites of spring since its inception 27 years ago in 1976, and "is always eagerly anticipated by both the crafters and those who come to shop for the unusual and special."

Returning customers will vouch for the quality of the items for sale and appreciate that there is something for everyone in a wide variety of price ranges. The committee announced that this year there are several new crafters participating in the show, as well as many who have proven to be favorites in the past.

Crafts in the Park is sponsored by the Andover Chapter of the American Field Service (AFS). All proceeds are used to provide support to participants in the exchange programs.

BIRTHS

BARBARO — A daughter, Julianna Lindsey Barbaro, to Linda A. Stow-Barbaro and Stephen Barbaro of Andover on Feb. 4 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are John and Jeanette Stow of Andover, James Barbaro of Saugus, and Katherine Williams of Malden.

BARDETTI — A daughter, Julia Hope Bardetti, born to Elizabeth and Joseph Bardetti on April 5, at Prentice Hospital, Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Marilyn and Joseph Bardetti of Andover and Margaret and Mervin Baker of East Aurora, N.Y. Julia joins her sister, Sophia, 2.

BATES — A son, Tyler Scott Bates, to Jane (Rodgers) and Scott Bates of Danville, N.H., on April 2. Grandparents are Donald and Donna Rodgers of North Reading and Vincent and Joanne Bates of Andover.

BECHTOLD — A son, Timothy Owen Bechtold, to Paul and Maribeth (Trepanier) Bechtold of Clarksville, Md., on March 28. The grandparents are Joe and Ruth Trepanier of Bedford, N.H., formerly of Andover; and Barbara Bechtold of Middleburg, N.Y. Timothy joins Michael Joseph, Christopher David and Kalli Ruth.

DALTON — John Robertson Dalton II, born March 28 at Wentworth-Douglas Hospital to Jack and Jana Dalton of Barrington, N.H. Grandparents are Bill and Carolyn Dalton of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Andover; and Phil and Sue Pare of Claremont, N.H.

FERRIS — A daughter, Meghan Elizabeth Ferris, to Jill and Garrett Ferris of Methuen, on March 31. Grandparents are John and Kathie Gaunt and Dan and Susan Ferris, all of Andover. Meghan joins Ian.

GRAW — Twin daughters, Margaret Anne Graw and Mary Ursula Graw, to George S. and Anne M. (Tafe) Graw of 51 Enmore St. on Feb. 12. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George K. Graw of Topsfield and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Tafe III of Newton Center.

HE — A daughter, Joy W. He, to Xingbai He and Dahui Wang of Andover, on Feb. 8, at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

HEALY — A daughter, Brooke Hayes Healy, to Matthew and Jennifer Healy of 80 Chestnut St., on Jan. 30. Grandparents are Dick and Peggy Asoian of Andover and Paul and Joanne Healy of Portsmouth, N.H.

LEVESQUE — A daughter, Aurora Elizabeth Levesque, born to Heidi (Winters) and Keith James Levesque of Methuen on March 27. Grandparents are Brian and Phyllis Winters of Andover. Great-grandparents are Charles and Annette Chase of Methuen.

MINICHELLO — A son, Joseph Luke Minichiello, born to Albie and Lori (Bemyk) Minichiello of North Attleborough on March 17 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Grandparents are Al and Barbara Minichiello of Andover, and Lucille and Charles

Bemyk of Billerica.

NIXON — A daughter, Kailyn Elizabeth Nixon, born to Robert and Alison (Phleger) Nixon of South Grafton on Feb. 20 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Capt. and Mrs. Charles Phillip Phleger, USN (Ret.) of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Nixon of Canton. Kailyn joins brothers Brendan, 5, and Jason, 2½.

REMES — A son, Ely Paul Remes, to Lauren (Petzold) and Richard Joseph Remes of 134 Jenkins Road, on April 13. Grandparents are Paul and Linda Petzold of Marathon, Fla. and Nort and Joan Remes of Scottsdale, Ariz.

TEICHERT — Twin daughters, Valerie Jeanne Teichert and Allison Jane Teichert, born to Jeanne (Jardin) and Ted E. Teichert of 5 Dufton Road, on April 12. Grandparents are Fred and Jane Teichert of North Andover and John and Sherry Jardin of Mansfield. Valerie and Allison join big sisters Julianne and Stephanie.

YURKUS — A daughter, Sophia Patricia, to Jefferson and Susan (Mirisola) Yurkus of Lowell, on April 4, at Lowell General Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia and Robert Mirisola of York Beach, Maine, formerly of Andover; and Loretta and Paul Yurkus of Woodbridge, Va. Great-grandparents are Florence Grimley of Lawrence and Theodore Anastas of Somerville. Sophia joins Emily Brianna.

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MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon

Community service coordinator,
Memorial Hall Library

HERE ARE SOME of the activities coming up at Memorial Hall Library this month.

Cultural events

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.

THE BASTEY BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP BARBECUE TEAM ▶

The Basteys Boys team has competed in barbecue cook-offs since 1998. Urged by a friend, Andy King entered a local competition and won a second-place trophy for his baby-back ribs. Since then the Basteys Boys have won more than 25 barbecue awards, including Grand Champion award in the 2001 New England Regional Barbecue Championship.

Come to the library and learn all the secrets of their special sauces. Sample barbecue chicken, ribs, and salmon. This program will begin in the Hall, second floor, and the tasting will be on the side lawn.

The cost is a \$5 donation to the Friends of the Library. Tickets (limited to 50 patrons) may be purchased at the circulation desk.

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.

LAUGHTER IN THE LIBRARY with David Polansky ▶

Award-winning composer David Polansky will present a rainbow of original song styles (funny and serious), explaining how he creates each work.

The audience participates throughout and leaves the concert humming Polansky's catchy melodies.

Tickets are free and are available in the Children's Room.

SITELINES AT THE LIBRARY

Beginning Saturday, May 4, as part of the SiteLines/Art on Main, Memorial Hall Library will feature Abelardo Morell.

Morell has created a camera obscura that brings the busy activity of historic Elm Square into a reading room just inside the library's main entrance.

Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.

UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF GRASSES

Peter Coletti is a man who speaks many languages of horticulture, from being a Massachusetts arborist to being an accomplished landscape composer and nightscape planner.



Well done - Andy King, Peter Cook, and Dirk Burrowes are the Basteys Boys. This Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. the Basteys Boys Championship Barbecue Cooking Team will demonstrate their award-winning barbecue sauces at Memorial Hall Library.

He will present a program on "Ornamental Grasses." Coletti says, "Grasses do not need to be intimidating or difficult; just understood." Coletti certainly speaks their language.

This program is free.

Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON in memory of DIANE HILL

Julie Lapham will present a "Celebration of Spring" floral demonstration in memory of Diane Hill, former Andover resident and librarian.

Julie Lapham, owner of

Julie Lapham Designs, is an accomplished and multi-crafted designer of floral creations in the US and abroad. She is one of the master judges of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and is a Garden Club of America-approved judge for flower arrangement.

Lapham has served on the Design Committee for the New England Spring Flower Show for many years and has exhibited in museum and flower shows throughout New England and beyond.

Lapham will demonstrate the design of three floral pieces during her presentation. This program is free. A light lunch will follow the program.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

May 20, 10:30 a.m.
"Bonesetter's Daughter," Amy Tan

GREAT BOOKS

May 14, 7:30 p.m.
"After the Ball," Tolstoy

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

May 13, 7:15 p.m.
"High Tide In Tucson," Barbara Kingsolver

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LIBRARY'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

William A. (Bill) Gerard retired from his career as an engineer in 1991. He had a lifetime interest in art, but his job and family interests limited him to sketching, often of people and places on business trips. In 1986, Gerard developed Parkinson's disease, which affects movement and causes muscle tremors.

Nevertheless, Gerard chose to



David Polansky will perform music and songs at Memorial Hall Library Saturday, May 4.



Bill Gerard

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Flowers completely forgotten – until today

Seven of them are taking their bows right now. Each one stands only 5 inches tall. Five inches tall on deep green stems as dainty as fairy wands. And their ruffled yellow faces – so tiny – the size of bottle caps. Why, who would ever take notice?

No one – unless quite by accident as you are hurrying through the backyard, your gaze happens to fall on the pile of wet leaves that have collected in that spot since last October. And then you see – by some stroke of luck, it must be – this tiniest glimpse of canary yellow. Like a child's lost crayon. Or a shard of earth-struck sunlight.

At first, you think, "A dandelion? Already? Too soon for those weeds to appear."

But then when you kneel down and brush back the leaves (even though they are cold and brown and soggy), you receive an unexpected delight. Not a dandelion. You were right. But a miniature daffodil. Imagine! Now, how did that little fellow get here? You wonder and wonder.

Like a miner who has discovered a golden nugget, you hold in your breath and carefully move the remaining dead oak leaves, one by one, up and out of this area. And then – aha! Six more itsy-bitsy daffodils lift their tiny trumpet heads and announce in bell-chime voices that

only you can hear (because that's how low you're bending to look at them), "We're here! We're here. Now give us a cheer!"

And really, as you look at these spunky little flowers that have somehow grown up in this dark, cool ditch where nothing has ever grown before, you are overcome. With awe and gratitude. They do deserve a cheer – these tiny souls who somehow pushed their way out of the cold, hard earth and into the sunlight. Imagine that kind of struggle. If it were up to you, you'd definitely send them a happy, hearty cheer.

Except – well, how would that look? You've already got your grownup nose practically down on the damp, moist ground. So far down you can practically taste the mud. You've already claimed to hear tiny voices floating from those tiny daffodils. So now, you're going to break into a cheer? Well, why not? Life is too short to worry about appearances.

"Two, four, six, eight. You may be small, but you're sure great."

Then you gasp. Not because these dainty delights show their joyful approval of your merry cheer by taking bow after bow as the west wind gently guides their little limber bodies. But suddenly, you remember. You remember how they got here.

It was you. You who put these bulbs way back here. Or rather, as you remember back to last September – it was toward the end of that month – you tossed the small bulbs back here. Rather randomly. A whole handful of them.

Too lazy to plant them all, were you? Perhaps. There seemed to be so many of them, and they were all so tiny. Smaller than marbles. Barely bigger than hope.

More truthfully, though, you were probably on a downslope of life back then. Because if you remember, it hadn't been the easiest time for you.

Six months earlier, your dad had died. Then you lost your mother-in-law 10 weeks later.

Then more bad news in the family. On Sept. 5, to be exact.

Then Sept. 11th came. It hasn't quite yet left.

In late September, you went out one gray day and discovered the cool bulbs in the container that your friends had given you when they heard about your father. They were hidden in a damp corner of the garage, their blooms long since faded. Like fallen feathers resting in a nest.

For one moment, you thought, "I'll just throw them away. In the trash."

But you didn't. Just as you didn't plant them. But you did dig your bare fingers through the dry, cool soil and pull out the tiny bulbs. Carefully, you collected them in the pockets of your green sweatshirt.

Then you quickly tossed them here among the leaves where nothing has ever grown before. And then you walked away.

Until today.

► Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.

Rambach reading

Tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 at the Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, Andover resident Peggy Rambach will read from her first novel, *Fighting Gravity*. The event will be held in the library activity room.

Fighting Gravity, published last year by Steerforth Press, is the story of a marriage, in particular of the devastating challenge presented when one partner is nearly killed in an automobile accident. After the reading, Rambach will answer questions. Copies of her book will be available for signing. The event is free and open to the public. Call 978-664-4942.

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LIBRARY ARTIST

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pursue his artistic interest, so he joined the art classes at the Andover Senior Center. He credits the art teachers for his learning to paint. The main topics selected for

Gerard's paintings are street scenes photographed during a few trips after retirement.

A group of paintings resulted, with subjects including England, Greece, Israel, Spain, and Italy, as well as local subjects.

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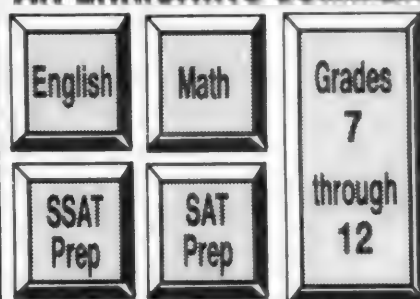
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Arts & Entertainment

School, town puts finishing touches on *SiteLines*

Summer-long art show, sited for downtown Andover and Phillips Academy grounds, opens Saturday



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The sign for Mosquito Cinema, one of nine exhibits featured in *SiteLines*, is still under construction.

By Rebecca Piro

Haven't gotten out to a gallery in a while? *SiteLines* will bring the art to you.

Starting Saturday, residents will have to walk only as far as Main Street to find the action, as Phillips Academy and Andover launch a summer-long show.

SiteLines: Art on Main is a temporary exhibit of the works of nine nationally recognized artists, with help from Andover and Lawrence students and other local institutions. Organized by Phillips Academy, the artists have come to Andover to create temporary installations that bring together

the school and the community in a new realization of the world around them.

The opening reception for *SiteLines* will begin Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. in front of Old Town Hall, featuring African drumming and poetry, and an introduction of the nine featured artists. The day will continue with events – mostly out-of-doors – throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Passersby will hear strains of a bagpipe procession down Main Street; Lawrence High School students singing a capella outside PA's Addison Gallery; models strutting their stuff in an Asian fashion show; a hip-hop dance performance by the Lawrence Ballet Academy in front of Memorial Hall Library; and a showing of the movie *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* at a special outdoor movie theater outside PA's Kemper Auditorium.

"A lot of the schools that worked on *SiteLines* are represented in the performances," says BJ Larson, the Addison Gallery of American Art's director of museum resources. "We wanted it to be a lot of fun. We wanted to use performances and movement and music as a way to draw attention to the artwork that's out there."

Saturday evening also marks the opening of the Addison Gallery's spring exhibition, *Insite*, which will feature indoor works by the nine artists.

Excitement about *SiteLines* has been building at Phillips Academy since the school announced its plans in January for the art that will break the borders of the campus in more ways than one. Students are already talking about the unfinished display that is gracing – or in some eyes, defacing – PA's lawn at the corner of Main and Phillips streets known as The Vista.

"We had some healthy conversation about Jessica Stockholder's piece," says Larson. "Some of the students were worried about the changes to The Vista."

Stockholder has spent weeks altering The Vista by adding colorful pathways of gravel and other materials, inspired by the many paths and walks traced across PA's campus.

"It was great. I think her piece did just what it's meant to do – create a new awareness of that space, conversation about what the design and environment means. There are still students

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SiteLines opening-day schedule for Saturday, May 4

1 p.m.

Opening ceremonies for *SiteLines: Art on Main*
Refreshments and performances: African drumming, featuring Wole Alade and students from Phillips Academy, spoken-word poetry, Soul Kaliber from Merrimack College featuring Roberto German, Troy Lazaro, and Jackson Garcia.
Old Town Hall

2-4 p.m.

Small Story Stops – participatory activities for the family
Andover Historical Society

2:15 p.m.

Outdoor hip-hop dance by Lawrence Ballet Academy, Abelardo Morell's camera obscura (inside)
Memorial Hall Library

2:30 p.m.

Bagpipe procession by John Simeone from Elm Square to Phillips Academy Vista

2:30-3:30 p.m.

David Polansky Family Cabaret
Memorial Hall Library (Children's room)

3 p.m.

PB & Jam, rock band led by Eric Giordano of Andover High School The Vista (corner of Main and Phillips streets)

3:30 p.m.

A capella group The Young Ones featuring Lester Saldana, Michael Dominguez, Antonio Perez and Ruben Quiones of Lawrence High School
Steps of the Addison Gallery

7-9 p.m.

Opening of *Insite*, spring exhibition, refreshments and music by The JukeBox4
Addison Gallery of American Art

7:15 p.m.

Asian Arts Fashion Show of Phillips Academy, ending with procession of Taiko Drumming Club to announce the premiere of Mosquito Cinema
Outside Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy

9 p.m.

Premiere of Mosquito Cinema
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, rated PG-13, 120 minutes
Outside Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy

In case of rain, most outdoor performances will be held in Old Town Hall from 1-3 p.m. Bagpipes and the Young Ones will perform at the Addison from 3:15-4 p.m. Drumming, fashion show, and Mosquito Cinema will be in Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy.



Performer David Polansky

Kids take center stage

Sisters start theater program for young rising stars

By Ben Hellman

Andover resident Kerrie Fraser is streamlining theater for kids. She believes existing theater programs are too expensive, too demanding and too stressful for everyone involved.

She should know. Along with her twin sister Kellie Tropeano, Fraser has directed productions and run several youth theater groups in the area, including Methuen Young People's Theater of Methuen and the North Suburban Jewish Community Center of Peabody.

"They're just kids. This is just one of the many things that are in their lives. We want them to be involved in Little League and soccer," said Fraser. She said that school and homework should come first. Fraser is a music teacher at the Great Oaks School in Danvers. She has a master's in music education from the Boston Conservatory. She and Tropeano are certified music teachers with theater-performance backgrounds. They



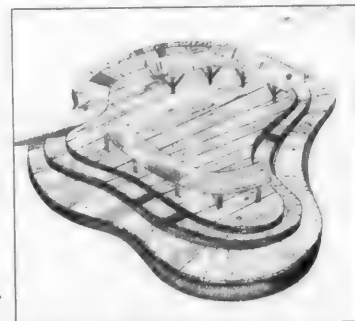
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Sisters Kerrie Fraser and Kellie Tropeano

desire to make the program "educationally sound" for elementary- and middle-school children.

"The area is lacking in developmentally appropriate children's theater," said Fraser. A fault she finds in existing groups is the tendency to take on difficult productions whose subject

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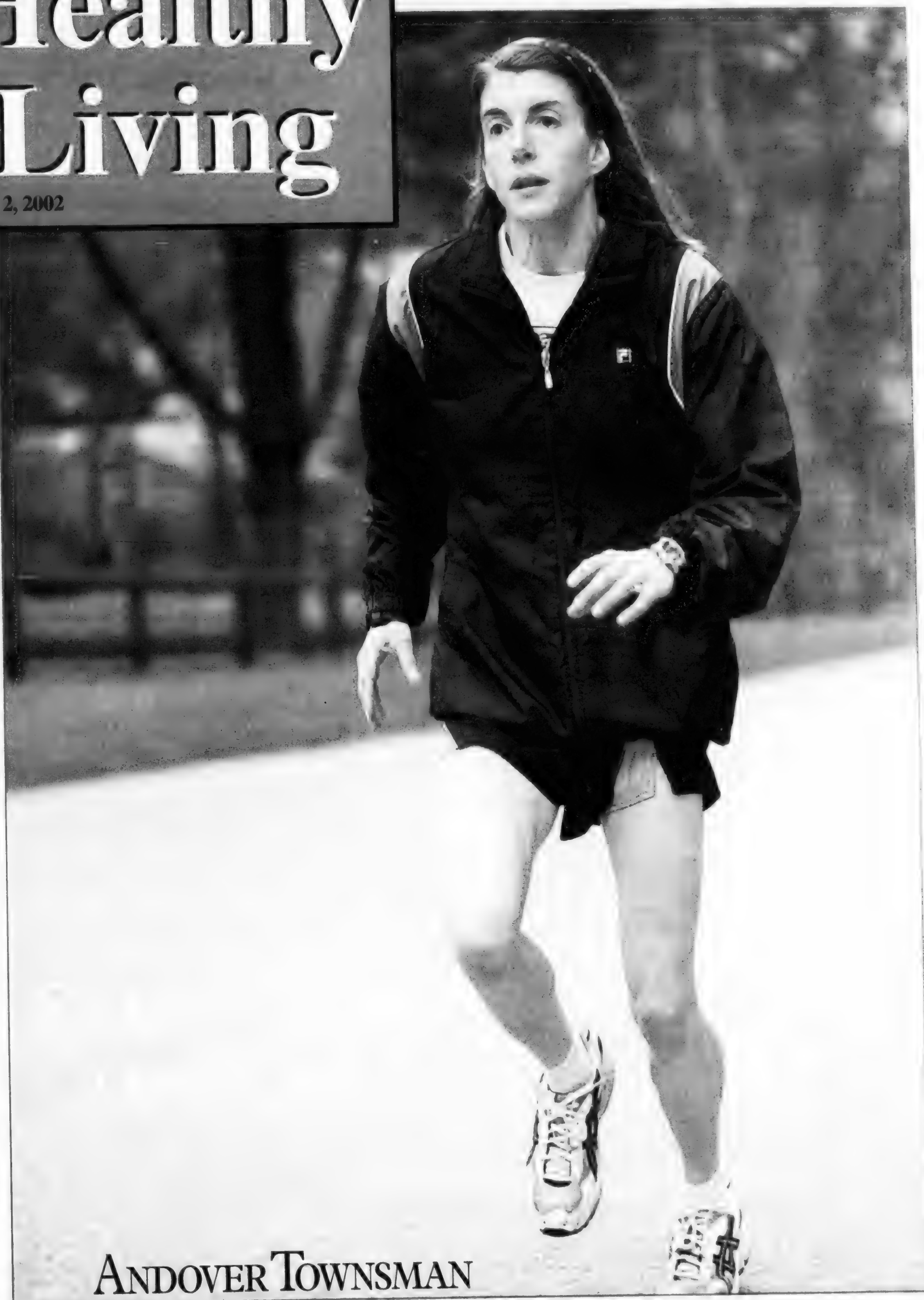


Sketch of artist Jason Middlebrook's plan for platform outside Old Town Hall

Healthy Living

May 2, 2002

Changing attitudes towards 'The Change.' See Page 2.



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HEALTHY LIVING

A natural approach to dealing with menopause

By Sue Tabb

Hot flashes.
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And what else...? Oh yeah, memory problems.

Dealing with symptoms of menopause can be difficult enough for women, but choosing an appropriate way to manage symptoms can be overwhelming. A rapidly evolving body of knowledge includes a choice or compromise between traditional drug therapy and natural remedies.

Luckily "The Change" is no longer a taboo topic, and there is lots of information available on what symptoms are, and where and with whom to seek help. The problem is sorting through it all.

The easiest way to start may be through prevention, says Irene Beikoussis, a board certified holistic health practitioner, nutritional consultant and president of Natural Health Services in Andover. She believes women should take a careful look at the daily choices they make and always be thinking about what's best for their general health — years before the onset of menopause.

"Women don't think about menopause until they experience symptoms, but women should start thinking about it from the time they're about 30 to 35 years old, when their estrogen production declines," said Beikoussis.

While 10 percent to 15 percent of women get through

menopause with virtually no discomfort whatsoever, another 10 percent to 15 percent are physically or emotionally disabled. Treatment should always be discussed with a doctor, but there are measures women can undertake to combat some benign symptoms that simply involve a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Alternative treatments do not necessarily replace other traditional treatment methods, Beikoussis said. Most experts agree that women who are at high risk for developing heart disease or osteoporosis are good candidates for drug therapies that aggressively prevent these diseases. These women may opt to use natural remedies in addition to traditional therapies, while low-risk women may choose to use natural remedies only.

Beikoussis says women who have had problems with premenstrual syndrome or other menstrual issues may want to talk to their doctor in advance about how to best prepare for another cycle in their lives. Her business approach at Natural Health Services is to put together a customized program because each woman has different needs and responds differently to treatment. According to Beikoussis, the important goal is to balance the body.

"Stress can deplete the body and throw hormones out of balance and elicit symptoms during menopause," she said. "That's where we can create

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balance with exercise and nutrition ... everything in moderation."

Exercise need not be strenuous — it may be just walking, bike riding, tennis, yoga or even stretching exercises done at home. Beikoussis said it's important to customize a plan by looking at things such as a client's diet and lifestyle to determine the root of the problem and best treatment.

Mental health is also vulnerable and important during life transitions. Self-esteem can be an issue and often times a good diet and exercise help, said Beikoussis.

As for dietary advice, there is lots of buzz about soy, vitamin supplements and herbal remedies. It is difficult to give general nutritional advice, Beikoussis said, but she did offer the following tips:

Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables (optimal is 3 servings of fruit and 3 to 6 servings of vegetables per day).

Increase consumption of legumes like nuts, beans, raw

almonds, etc.

Reduce stimulants like coffee, sugar and alcohol.

Beikoussis believes herbal remedies can be helpful, but said people should be careful not to run and buy into whatever the hottest trend may be.

"I believe in eating healthy foods and herbs are foods because they're a plant; however, you need to be careful if you have any other health issues or if you're on medication," said Beikoussis. "Talk to your doctor about what herbs they might recommend."

Natural Health Services holds ongoing workshops and lecture series to help educate women on natural healing approaches. A natural approach to PMS and menopause workshop will be offered soon. A "What is Best for Your Health" lecture, including discussion on daily health choices, is May 14. Details and registration information is available from Natural Health Services at (978) 470-2727. The Web site is www.nhs4u.com.

Resources worth investigating:

Irene Beikoussis suggests the book "Prescription for Nutritional Healing: A Practical A to Z Reference to Drug-Free Remedies Using Vitamins, Minerals, Herbs and Food Supplements," by Phyllis A. and James F. Balch.

Web sites with general information regarding menopause and treatment options include www.menopause-online.com, www.menopause.org and www.healthtalk.com.

Clearing the air about allergies

(NAPSA) — As many Americans begin to venture outdoors this season, the majority of them will enjoy the warmer temperatures along with the budding trees and blooming flowers. However, it may wreak havoc on the estimated 41 million allergy sufferers nationwide, especially since this year could be one of the worst allergy seasons on record according to some allergists.

"Researchers are estimating that this season may be worse than past years," says Gary Z. Lotner, M.D., senior physician, at the Atlanta Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Atlanta, Ga. "Pollen forecasters are reporting budding patterns from the tail end of winter that exceed last year's, an early sign of an ominous spring season."

Allergy symptoms — which include sneezing, watery eyes, and a runny nose — intensify as the body responds to the presence of an allergen. Pollen is generally the most common allergen, coming from such sources as trees, grasses, and flowers. However, most allergy sufferers are allergic to more than one allergen, thus giving a person an individualized list of potential triggers.

"Most allergy sufferers are sensitive to more than one allergen," Dr. Lotner says, "so working with your physician

to identify your unique allergy profile is the first step in controlling allergy symptoms."

Battling these irritating symptoms is a year-round exercise for about 63 percent of allergy sufferers who are affected by year-round allergies. Not all allergens are seasonal — some, like common indoor allergens, exist 365 days a year. Pet dander, indoor mold, and dust mites are among the most common of these types of triggers and can make just being home an arduous task for those who are sensitive.

Unlike some other conditions, doctors are not exactly sure what causes allergies. But it is fairly well established that there is a hereditary component to allergies. If one parent suffers from allergies, it is estimated that a child's chances of having allergies increase by 25 percent to 30 percent, according to Dr. Lotner. And if both parents have allergies that number soars to a 75 percent increase in the chance of a child developing allergies, he adds.

Regardless of

whether symptoms are caused by seasonal or year-round allergy triggers, relief can be found in the form of prescription allergy medications. Not all prescription allergy medications are approved to treat both types.

Side effects were mild or moderate including drowsiness, fatigue and dry mouth in adults, and drowsiness, headache, sore throat and stomach pain in children. Drowsiness occurred in 11 percent to 14 percent of adults, depending on dose, compared to 6 percent taking placebo (sugar pill). Drowsiness occurred in 2 percent to 4 percent of children, depending on dose, compared to 1 percent taking placebo.

HEALTH FACTS

High-protein diet warning

High-protein diets may be risky to long-term health

■ The premise of diets like The Atkins Diet, The Zone, Sugar Busters, Stimulan, and Protein Power is for the dieter to eat less fat protein but restrict carbohydrates like cereals, grains, fruits, vegetables and milk products.

■ Dieters get most of the good things found in carbohydrates.

■ No long-term studies of these high-protein diets have been done. The diets carry an increased risk of heart disease and problems for the kidneys, bones and liver. The diets increase "bad" cholesterol, may increase blood pressure and promote osteoporosis.

■ The diets mostly cause water weight loss, not a loss of fat. Dieters run out of energy and feel fatigued.

■ Researchers say the insulin-reducing premise of the diets is incorrect.

■ Minimum safe calories: A daily minimum of 1,200 calories for women and 1,500 calories for men. Exercise hastens weight loss.

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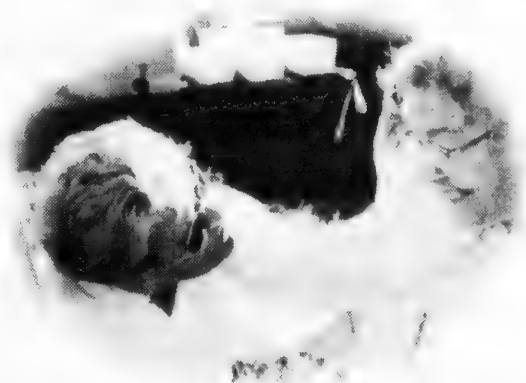
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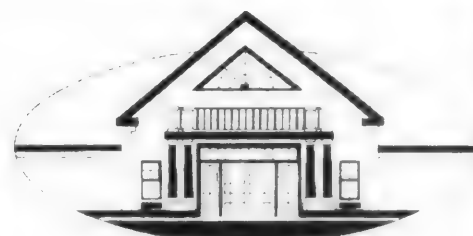
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Cleaning up: For pollution, there's no place like home

By Cheryl Walker
Copley News Service

Many people think of their home as a safe haven. While people do their best to stay well at this time of year by getting their annual flu shot, one needs to consider also keeping a healthy home.

A study by the Environmental Protection Agency showed that the population spends as much as 90 percent of their time indoors. Research also indicated that indoor air pollution may be two to five times higher than outdoor levels.

Indoor pollutants such as smoke, dust, mold and pet dander can cause serious health risks leading to such diseases as asthma, lung cancer and respiratory problems.

Getting colds and viruses, especially during the holidays, can be especially irritating. But there's a health hazard that people don't often think of that can be deadly — carbon monoxide. It is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in America.

"So many people think they have the flu because symptoms mimic the flu," says Colleen Faney, vice president of the Carbon Monoxide (CO) Information Bureau in Chicago. "CO is colorless and odorless so it can easily go undetected."

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, make sure all appliances are in good working order and that there are no blocked flues or vents in the house. And most importantly, get a carbon monoxide detector.

"If you have more than a one-story house, you should have one on each floor," says Dr. Mark Goldstein, of Quantum Group Inc., a company that makes carbon monoxide detectors. "If you sleep with your bedroom doors open, there should be a detector about 40 feet from the room. If you sleep with the doors closed, there should be one in the bedroom."

Some of the common causes of carbon monoxide poisoning are leaving a car running or lawn mower running in the garage, using cooking ovens for heat and water heaters getting plugged.

"Fires are the leading cause of CO deaths," Dr. Goldstein says. "Generally three to five thousand people a year die in fires as a result of carbon monoxide. They're overcome by that before they ever get burned."

But it's not just carbon monoxide that's bad for the home. There are many other factors that can weaken a person's system. And it's not just colds and viruses that are a concern. Almost 36 million Americans suffer from allergies or asthma, which makes having a healthy home even more important.

Molds are a big contributor to problems. Check house plants often and if there is mold growth, re-pot the plant or keep it outdoors. Allergies and asthma can also be helped by covering mattresses and pillows with allergen-resistant materials. Feather pillows and down comforters are a no-no for people with breathing

problems. Also, wash bedding frequently as much as once a week in water that is 130 degrees.

Dust is another pesky problem. Not only can it be bad for those with allergies and asthma, it can also cause headaches for people who don't normally have other health problems.

"Dust mites can be in the home all year long," says Ms. Faney. "Cleaning is very important. The key step is to vacuum your carpets good. It picks up the dirt and dust mites."

If there are pets in the home, bathe and groom them often. It also helps a great deal to minimize their access to bedrooms and carpeted areas.

Other tips to keeping a healthy home include:

Don't allow smoking inside the house.

Reduce indoor air humidity.

Keep trees and shrubs at least three feet away from the home.

Never store more than a few pieces of firewood indoors.

Route water away from the home's foundation and keep gutters and drains clean.

Hang dry-cleaned items, such as draperies, on an outdoor clothesline to air out cleaning solvents before bringing them inside.

Use low-toxic cleaning products.

Regularly change furnace and air conditioning filters every two or three months.

Maintain and clean forced air ducts.

Earth-friendly crops that are good for the consumer

(NAPSA) — Biotechnology is proving to be a sound solution to the growing agricultural challenges we as a nation, and a global community, continue to face. Not only is biotechnology improving the quality of our food, it is also proving to be a valuable tool in protecting our environment.

Researchers are using biotechnology to improve the nutrition and taste of our food. Longer lasting, better tasting tomatoes and rice that will help the body produce vitamin

A and help prevent blindness in developing countries are already being developed. However, researchers are discovering that this new agricultural technology can also make an important contribution in protecting delicate eco-systems and preserving wildlife.

For example, fields that contain certain biotech crops, like cotton and soy, require less plowing than their conventional counterparts. Less plowing means less soil erosion and less run-off sediment into

rivers and streams and improved soil quality. Plowing less also encourages crop residue on the fields after harvests, which in-turn, encourages wildlife to flourish around farming areas.

Biotechnology has also made an earth-friendly contribution in the area of crop protection. There are some crops being grown today, such as corn, that have been developed with built in pest resisters thus requiring farmers to spray less fre-

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Child fingerprinting kits will be provided by the North Andover Police Department. Officers will be

on hand with the DARE van. There will be special appearances by "Blue Dog" and TV's "alien babies." The Fire Department will bring information on child safety.

Dr. Sykes will offer free spinal exams and scoliosis screenings and will distribute information on disease prevention and health promotion.

Free balloons, snacks, giveaways and prize drawings will occur every half hour and donations for the DARE program will be accepted.

Spring Into Health — Dr. Tria Sykes, who grew up in Fairhaven, MA and graduated from Holy Cross College, states: "I was born a chiropractor."

She graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, MO, and practiced in Missouri and Swampscott before coming to North Andover, where she took over Sutton Square Family Chiropractic from its previous owners.

"I feel it is my mission to restore people's faith in the body's ability

to function properly and heal without the use of harmful drugs and unnecessary surgeries. This mission can only be served by educating people about how their bodies are meant to work and empowering them to make changes in their lifestyles so that they can enjoy a better quality of life," Dr. Sykes said.

She explains how all function and healing in the body is under the total control of the nervous system (brain, spinal cord and spinal nerves), which must operate at 100 percent for optimal health. The spine is the house for the nervous system. If your spine is in its normal healthy position, you then have 100 percent of your health potential flowing through your nervous system from your brain to your body. If the spine is unhealthy, it results in pressure and dangerous interference to the nervous system, which results in a loss of health. "We are taught to get regular checkups for our eyes, ears, heart and teeth, but we are neglecting the most important



Dr. Tria Sykes and her team (from left): Patty Mulcahy, Dr. Sykes, Mary Lagasse.

system — the system that controls it all — your nervous system.

Dr. Sykes and her efficient team, Mary Lagasse and Patty Mulcahy, conduct health care workshops each Tuesday evening at 6. These are free to the public and as Dr. Sykes

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"A Doctor's Confession to the Community" And Why I Still Do What I Do...

Dear friend

I want to give credit where credit is due. So, perhaps a confession can help clear the air so there's no misunderstanding. Before I talk about my confession, though, let me say a few other things first.

When I meet people in town, they usually say "Oh yeah, I know you, you're Dr. Tria. I've seen your ad with that picture of you and the cute little baby." Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about that photo and why I use it in my ads. Let's start with me, the lady on the right. Ten years ago I was trying to decide what it was that I was going to do with my life. Knowing that I wanted to help people, I chose a profession where I could do just that without relying on the use of drugs or surgery. It wasn't until eight years later that I realized first-hand the powerful impact that I can and have had on other people's lives. I was at a seminar when my back went into a complete spasm. I had never experienced such extreme pain in my whole life, to the point that I couldn't walk without my legs giving out from underneath me from pain. My mentor and fellow chiropractor did an exam, took some films, and the

"adjusted" my spine. The adjustment didn't hurt, (even though I was in such extreme pain at the time), it actually felt good. I got relief, and I could stand, walk and get back to "adjusting" patients myself. I realize now that this happened to me at this particular time so that I could experience for myself the powerful results that people get from chiropractic every day!

Now for Connor, who is the adorable baby in the photo. A year ago he was plagued with colic. He was crying (or should I say screaming) all the time, not sleeping more than two hours at a time. Connor's parents were exhausted and upset from all the crying and lack of sleep. Luckily they heard about chiropractic and found us through the web! After I started to adjust Connor, his crying started to subside, he was no longer colicky and miserable and actually slept fourteen hours — the longest stretch of sleep he ever had! Connor's parents told me, "It's like we have a new child!"

Connor's parents are now chiropractic patients and they know enough to get adjusted when they feel like they are getting sick, or just to stay "tuned up."

It's strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their low back pain problems. They also come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, colic, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few.



Here's what some of my patients have to say:

"My life has been greatly affected by chiropractic in

that I have more energy, better flexibility and posture and I am pain free. I will never stop getting adjusted". (Faith K.)

"Three months ago I could not get dressed without having to lean against the wall due to back pain and fatigue. Now I am playing tennis, and power walking/running again. Very simply, thank you, Dr. Tria" (Jim B.)

Several times a day patients thank me for helping them with their health problems. But I can't really take the credit. My confession is that I've never healed anyone of anything. What I do is perform a specific spinal adjustment to remove nerve pressure, and the body responds by healing itself. We get tremendous results. It's a simple as that!

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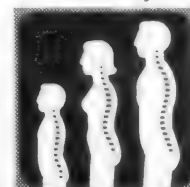
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HEALTHY LIVING

Stroke, prostate cancer pose big risks for men

By Leonard Novarro
Copley News Service

Percy Myers says the best health insurance he has is simply to stay healthy.

That is why Myers is among 2,000 men enrolled at the University of California San Diego Cancer Center in the largest prostate cancer prevention trial ever undertaken. About 32,000 men will be followed at 400 sites across the United States over a 10-year period to determine whether supplements of vitamin E and the mineral selenium can help healthy men avoid prostate cancer.

The disease does not run in Myers' family, but he is not taking chances. As a black male, he is more prone to

getting prostate cancer at an earlier age than white or Asian males. As a 55-year-old baby boomer, Myers is at the age when symptoms of prostate problems often begin.

"One must take responsibility for one's own health," says Myers, who is the business ethics director for BAE Systems, an electronics engineering firm.

He takes his part seriously, eating mostly vegetables, fish and chicken, using a treadmill three times a week and taking a daily regimen of vitamins, zinc for the heart, calcium for the bones, and magnesium for circulation and muscles.

Because they are better educated, baby boomers stand a much better chance of surviving into old age

than their parents or grandparents did, says Dr. Robert Langer, who is heading the UCSD prostate study and a study on hormone replacement in women.

While male boomers may survive early heart disease and cancer, other risks, such as prostate cancer, stroke and osteoporosis — previously associated mostly with women — are concerns for men entering their 50s. Doctors are starting "to unmask the risk of other diseases that never used to be important because people didn't survive into old age in large numbers," says Langer, a UCSD professor of family and preventive medicine.

One such affliction that should be attracting more attention is strokes,

says Dr. Patrick Lyden, chief of the stroke clinic at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in La Jolla, Calif.

Lyden called strokes "an epidemic that no one is paying attention to."

"It's the biggest problem I have," he says.

The stroke team at the VA treated 20 men under 55 in the past year, compared with the same number in the past two decades.

Migraine-related strokes are a particular concern among the boomer generation. Complicated migraines associated with strokes are 1 percent of all migraine headaches, but Lyden says he is seeing more and more strokes in patients with classic, less severe, migraine symptoms.

"Boomers are coming in all the time," Lyden says. "They have a serious migraine, yet they're inclined to go to work, ignore the pain, ignore the symptoms, push through it and after a week, they have a stroke. Because they're boomers, they feel a sense of omnipotence and invulnerability."

The increased use of dietary supplements by men and women also has been linked to strokes in middle age. One Chinese herb, ma huang, a diet supplement that helps raise stamina, acts like a super-amphetamine in raising blood pressure, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke. The bottom line for stroke, doctors say, is to watch for warning signs, such as sudden onset of weakness, blindness or numbness on one side, loss of speech or severe loss of balance.

Effects of a stroke can be reversed by administering tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, an enzyme that dissolves arterial blood clots, which are present in 80 percent of cases. Administering tPA must be done within three hours of experiencing symptoms.

Heart disease is still the No. 1 killer of both men and women. However, the incidence of prostate cancer increases dramatically with age. According to the American Cancer Society, almost 200,000 men were diagnosed with the disease last year, and 30,000 died from it. One of six men alive today will develop prostate cancer, and the rate accelerates after 50 and 55, Dr. Langer says.

"Every male faces the potential for some prostate problem, whether it's benign or malignant or both," says Dr. Kevin O'Brien, former chief of urology for Kaiser Permanente in San Diego.

"Prostate cancer is in huge numbers. Roughly, a third of men over 50, based on autopsy studies, are found to have prostate cancer. Eight (million) to 10 million people are walking around right now undiag-



Dave Fraser, in his mid-40s, works out on a cross-trainer at his local YMCA. Experts say that because baby boomers are better educated, they stand a much better chance of surviving into old age than did their parents.

nosed."

The irony of prostate cancer is that it is "user friendly," O'Brien says. Ninety percent of its victims never experience symptoms.

Unlike an enlarged prostate, usually characterized by frequent urination, interrupted urine flow or a urinary tract infection, cancer of the male hormone gland rarely produces discomfort in its early stage. That is why digital rectal exams to detect tumors are advised once a year in males over 50, and younger if there is a family history of the disease. If an abnormality is detected, a biopsy is recommended.

The presence of cancer, depending on age, may call for any one of several approaches, including prostate removal, hormone or radiation therapy, or watchful waiting.

Although prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, it can be cured if detected early. The more radical surgery results in incontinence in 30 percent to 40 percent of cases and sexual dysfunction in 60 percent.

"There's a lot of anxiety," O'Brien says. "When you get a disease and it happens to be prostate cancer, you're immediately struck with a loss. You assume you're going to lose your future."

"These are difficult things to absorb when you turn 65, retire and have your RV out there ready for a trip."

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HEALTHY LIVING

Exercise your options during summer, vacations

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

Travel and summer holidays mean a break in routine, and for many people that means more time at the table and less time at the gym.

"There doesn't seem to be any way to escape the struggle," says Kate Brighton, a 22-year-old Medford, Ore., woman who describes herself as both faithful to regular exercise and faithless during the "food holidays."

"I want to keep up a healthy routine, but that is a lot harder to do if I'm out of town and there are lots of people eating holiday foods around," says Brighton.

But there is a way to keep in shape and keep away from extra pounds while on the road and visiting family. The secret is planning and taking opportunities as they come.

Maintain, or even increase, activity level during the holiday season. Don't wait to make fitness resolutions. Start now. Here are a few guidelines:

Be specific about fitness goals. Rather than saying, "I will exercise more," how about "I will go to the afternoon aerobics class on Tuesday and Thursday, and work out in the weight room on Monday and Friday."

Make changes for the right reasons. You must believe that you are beginning a fitness program in order to take better care of yourself and to get more out of life.

Be creative. Maybe the behavior you wish to change can dovetail with other goals. Do you need to both exercise and spend more time with your family? How about a trip to the park where your children can bike while you take a brisk walk?

Be realistic. Be sure your plan is realistic and fits into your lifestyle. Will you really have energy to go to an evening exercise class? Make changes as easy and convenient as possible.

Anticipate roadblocks. What could prevent you from sticking to your resolutions: Cold weather? Illness? Fatigue? Lack of time? Make a plan for coping with the inevitable obstacles of life.

Don't let a few days of relapse turn into a year of unfulfilled resolutions. Life is a compromise; do the best you can to get back on track. Have fun and get involved. It's easier to stick to your plans when you feel good. Replace the rewards of your old pattern (if there were any) with something else. Trying to eat less fat? Be sure your food is still delicious and enjoy your meals.

Make your life as pleasant as

possible during this period of behavior change. Get involved in activities that help you feel happy and fulfilled.

Find a partner. Working out alone often is an oasis of solitude in a busy day, but maybe you need company. Ask a friend to be your workout partner — you won't skip a workout if someone is waiting for you.

Working out on the road

"There is no excuse for not finding places to exercise when every city has a great staircase, stadium or tall building where you can master the stairs without a machine," says Kristie Patterson, spokeswoman for the American Council on Exercise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of physical activity and protecting consumers against unsafe and ineffective fitness products and instruction."

If stairs aren't your thing, cities have lots of places — such as parks, malls, or walking paths — ideal for walking or jogging. Prior to departure, find out if your hotel has a workout facility and a pool, and remember to pack your bathing suit and workout clothes. If they don't have a facility, they may be affiliated with a local gym where you can get a one-day pass for a small fee.

If you are strapped for time or no facility is available, most hotel rooms have enough floor space to allow you to do some push-ups, crunches, lunges and stretching before starting your day. Plan a specific time each day or every other day to do your strengthening and cardiovascular routines. A good plan is to alternate days between the two.

Make your vacation fit

If you are planning your next vacation, with some good logistics, you can get in a daily workout without it feeling like a chore. Or you can plan your vacation around a physical activity.

Skiing and backpacking are activities that get you outside and get your heart pumping. If you aren't into scheduling your own events, check with local environmental organizations, recreation clubs or university programs to see what group vacations they offer. Kayaking, trekking and scuba vacations are all popular, and will incorporate fitness, fun, and adventure. Just make sure you plan ahead so that you are in the proper shape, and properly trained, to take on these activities. Even if you choose to relax at a resort or on a tropical beach, you're still steps from a good

workout. Hit the pool or the ocean for a swim, walk the golf course instead of renting a cart, or challenge your travel partner to a jog down the beach (save the strolling for sunset).

Indulge — don't bulge

Traveling often means eating what is available, and what's available isn't always healthy. A vacation is a time for indulgence, but keep these simple tips in mind, and you will be able to enjoy your meals without taking home extra baggage:

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water, particularly if you are flying or are on long road trips.

Eat at least three times per day to keep from feeling famished and overindulging. This will also give you energy for all of your vacation (or work) activities.

Visit the local market to pick up healthy snacks to carry with you during the day.

Go ahead and splurge on regional dishes or local cuisine, even if they might be higher in fat and calories than you are used to. Just maintain a balance. If you splurge one night, make sure you add some extra activity and eat healthier the next day.

Worth the weight?

What about the feasting that comes with the season? Dr. Daniel S. Kirschenbaum, nutritional and weight-loss spokesman for The American Council on Exercise, has some sensible nutrition and fitness advice.

In his recently published book "The Nine Truths about Weight Loss: The No-Tricks, No-Non-sense Plan for Lifelong Weight Control" Kirschenbaum provides the following tips to help people cope with high-calorie holiday temptations:

Avoid starvation before a celebration. This can lead to problematic binge eating. Instead, eat a low-fat, low-sugar breakfast and lunch. Also, eating a small snack before the party may help.

Scope out the food scene. After arriving at a party, quickly survey the available options. Look for fresh vegetables and other low-fat, low-sugar foods. This might prevent snacking on high-fat snacks such as chips, dips, nuts and party mixes.

Use a food plan. Once aware of the available party foods that you plan to eat, develop a plan for the entire party. During a conversation, hold a glass of diet soda or water instead of a plate.

Refocus your holiday. Holiday celebrations are traditionally focused round food. Break that

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Clear skin can boost mental health

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Skin and Laser Surgery Center of New England

Skin problems can greatly affect a person's outlook, whether it is the awkward teenager plagued by acne or someone farther along in years who isn't happy about the changes brought by the passage of time.

The professionals at The Skin and Laser Surgery Center of New England, with offices in Nashua, N.H., and Cambridge, treat all kinds of skin problems and conditions. Dr. Khalil A. Khatri and his staff provide three components of care: dermatology, which includes prevention, diagnosis and treatment of skin cancers and other skin diseases; cosmetic skin treatments and laser surgery; and aesthetician services ("Skin-tique").

"Skin problems make many people feel they are not attractive, that others look down on them," says Dr. Khatri. "When we fix the problem, it changes the way they feel about themselves. That is what makes this work very rewarding."

Dr. Khatri has treated all ages, including babies just a few days old for infantile acne or eczema. He has used laser treatments to remove a red birthmark from the nose of a 2-year-old. His oldest laser patient to date is 75.

Insurance routinely covers these treatments and surgeries. But most cosmetic treatments are not covered and can range from under \$200 to several thousand dollars. Despite the cost, an ever-increasing number of Americans are taking advantage of technology that can "re-create" their appearance.

A leader in the field of cosmetic laser surgery, Dr. Khatri pioneered the use of the Erbium: YAG laser while at Wellman Laboratories of Photomedicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

This gentler laser treatment was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1997 and has since become state-of-the-art in laser skin resurfacing.

"There is a faster recovery and fewer side effects," Dr. Khatri says. "The difference is one week off from work rather than two or three weeks."

Other treatments include: lasers for hair removal, tattoo removal, broken capillaries,



Colleen McMurray performs a European facial.

scars, stretch marks, spots on skin (brown/age/liver); collagen and botox injections, chemical peels, and leg vein treatments — both lasers and saline injections.

Dr. Khatri and his staff take the time to carefully explain the treatment options and answer patients' questions.

Colleen McMurray, office manager and one of two medical assistants in the office, is a licensed medical aesthetician. A graduate of the Institute of Skin Science, she works under Dr. Khatri's direction.

"Because I am working under a doctor, I can do more intense procedures than those done in a salon," she says. The aesthetic division includes facials, peels, facial waxing, back and hand treatments, aromatherapy, skin-care products, anti-aging products and Retinol therapy.

Dr. Khatri, a native of Pakistan, earned his medical doctorate at Sindh Medical College in 1983. His career includes graduate work in immunogenetics at Harvard Medical School; residencies in internal medicine and dermatology and a fellowship in cosmetic laser surgery (Boston Univ., Univ. of Calif., Davis, and MA Gen. Hospital/ Harvard Med. School); and conducting laser training seminars for physicians the world over. He continues research into new techniques.

The best prevention for many skin conditions is simple and free: Stay out of the sun. Use sunscreen year-round and don't bake at the beach. Stay away from tanning salons, Dr. Khatri cautions. A free skin cancer screening is June 1 in Nashua. Call (603) 886-5506 for an appointment or information.

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Say bye-bye to bug bites

(NAPSA) - A growing number of people are saying bye-bye to bug bites while taking the sting out of sunburn at the same time. Here are some sensible tips from experts at Avon, the company that makes Avon.

For worry-free protection when outdoors, remember these

following tips.

Birdbaths, pools, the base of flower pots, any standing water, is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Be sure to change the water in these containers at least once a week.

When you are seeking the shade on a hot day be aware that

most biting bugs-mosquitoes, flies and ticks enjoy the shade just as you do.

Evening and dawn are peak times for flying insects. In addition, the dim light during these hours makes it more difficult to spot the little pests and the tendency to turn on artificial light actually attracts the bugs. Make sure your skin is sufficiently covered during these times.

Brush and grassy areas attract bugs, especially ticks. When outdoors and hiking, take care to keep on trails and away from the areas with dense foliage and brush.

Shoes, socks, clothing, hair and behind your ears are all areas where ticks can hide. Inspect yourself thoroughly after being outside.

Eliminate the chances of attracting mosquitoes and increase the ability to spot tiny ticks by wearing light clothing.

Breeze and wind can knock flying bugs off their flying track. Try to stay in areas where the air can flow.

Use outdoor candles or build a safe fire if you are outdoors during dusk or at night. Smoke is an effective mosquito repellent.

Guard yourself, when possible, with long pants and a long sleeve shirt. Tuck pants into socks and tuck your shirt into your pants.

Stop them in their tracks. Always apply a comprehensive insect repellent before going outside.



Think twice about seeking shelter in the shade on a hot day. Most biting bugs-mosquitoes, flies and ticks-enjoy the shade just as you do.



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Putting the best face on age – without surgery

By Alison Ashton
Copley News Service

It's not surprising to learn plastic surgery is on the rise — the American Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery reports cosmetic surgical procedures increased by 35 percent between 1997 and 2000. But nonsurgical procedures, from Botox injections to microdermabrasion, are gaining popularity, too.

More than 5.5 million such treatments were performed in 2000, according to figures from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

There are a couple of reasons for the appeal of nonsurgical procedures. They're performed on an outpatient basis and typically cost less than surgery. "These have a quick recovery — a day or two as opposed to at least two weeks for a face-lift — and they cost hundreds instead of thousands," says AAFPRS spokesman Ira Papel, M.D.

Nonsurgical procedures tend to attract younger patients — 35- to 50-year-old baby boomers, who dip a toe into the fountain of youth with a less-invasive treatment, such as microdermabrasion to diminish the effects of sun damage or collagen injections to erase incipient frown lines.

"In today's day and age the baby boomers do start a little earlier," says Dr. Richard Greco, M.D., chairman of the public education committee of the ASPS. "They don't mind getting older, but they do want to age gracefully."

Many patients find the affordability and fast recovery of nonsurgical treatments is a small price to pay to slow the march of time. Plastic surgeons, and many dermatologists, perform a dozen types of nonsurgical procedures, including collagen injections, laser skin resurfacing and microdermabrasion. Here's a look at the top five nonsurgical procedures, according to ASPS figures:

Chemical peel: The doctor uses a chemical solution to remove the top damaged and wrinkled layers of skin to allow new, healthier skin to emerge. A full-face treatment takes one to two hours, and new skin heals in five to 21 days.

Microdermabrasion: An instrument is used to exfoliate the skin with blasts of aluminum oxide particles to smooth away lines, scars and



Patient Melita Gratas looks at the results of Botox and collagen injections administered by Dr. H. Michael Roark, with help from nurse Karla Wenhardt. The injections are two popular nonsurgical treatments for minimizing the appearance of wrinkles.

wrinkles in less than an hour. Recovery is immediate.

Sclerotherapy (spider vein removal): The doctor injects a sclerosing agent into veins to make them collapse and fade. The procedure takes 15 to 45 minutes. Patients must wear compression stockings for 48 hours. Results are permanent after two or more sessions.

Botox injections: Botulinum toxin is injected to smooth away facial wrinkles. The toxin actually blocks nerve impulses to temporarily paralyze muscles that cause wrinkles. The process takes 30 minutes. The benefits are immediate, but results fade in about four months.

Laser hair removal: The doctor uses a laser to destroy hair follicles in an hour or two. Recovery is immediate, and results are permanent with multiple sessions.

Despite nonsurgical procedures' reputation as lunch-hour treatments, patients should do their homework before making an appointment. Just because procedures are nonsurgical doesn't mean they're without risk or potentially unpleasant side effects.

"Everything has risks," says Dr. Greco. "Just because it's nonsurgical doesn't mean it's the easiest procedure."

Laser resurfacing and deep chemical peels still require twilight anesthesia, with all the attendant risks. Redness and swelling are common side effects with chemical peels and dermabrasion; chemical peel patients may also experience throbbing, tingling, burning,

swelling and acute sensitivity to sun. Other risks include changes in skin pigmentation and texture. Sclerotherapy and Botox injections can trigger allergic reactions.

Cost also is a consideration. Although nonsurgical procedures are affordable compared to surgery, results may be temporary or require multiple visits. For example, Dr. Greco notes that full-face laser resurfacing can cost almost as much as a face-lift. Moreover, recuperation after full-face laser resurfacing entails two weeks of crusty skin, followed by up to six weeks of redness.

"With a face-lift in two weeks you can go to a cocktail party," says Dr. Greco. Finally, it's important to consider what you really want to accomplish with any procedure. Nonsurgical treatments "treat the skin, not the sag," says Dr. Greco, and topical treatments may not be the best solution.

"I've had patients who come in and think they need laser resurfacing, but they really need a face-lift," Dr. Greco says. Some patients may require a combination of surgical and nonsurgical treatment to achieve the desired results. A patient may need surgery to address droopy jowls or eye bags, plus microdermabrasion to erase acne scars or discoloration from sun damage.

The ASPS Web site, www.plasticsurgery.org, has lots of information for consumers to compare procedures, including potential side effects and risks. The AAFPRS site, www.aafprs.org, also is loaded with information.

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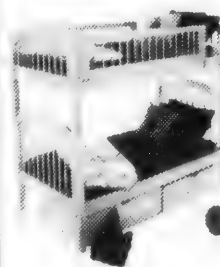
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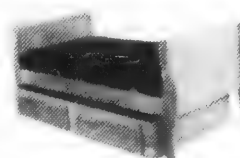
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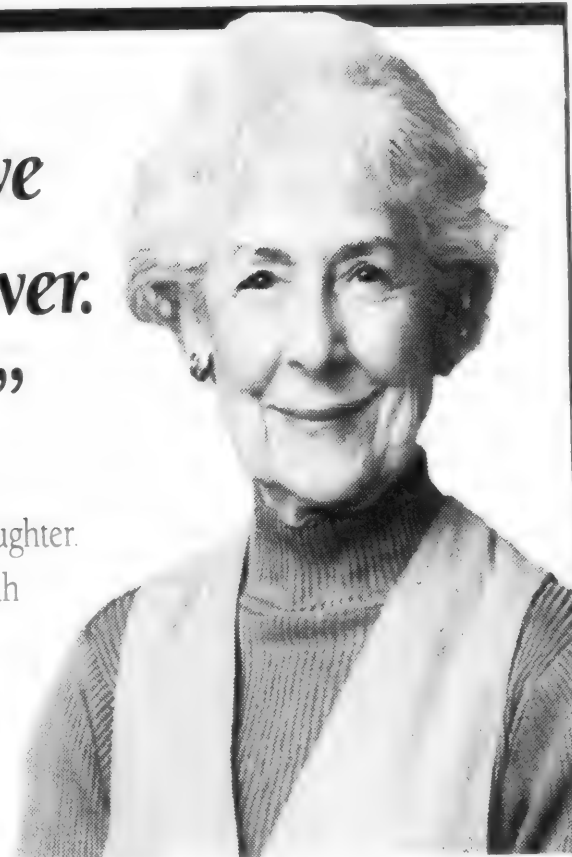
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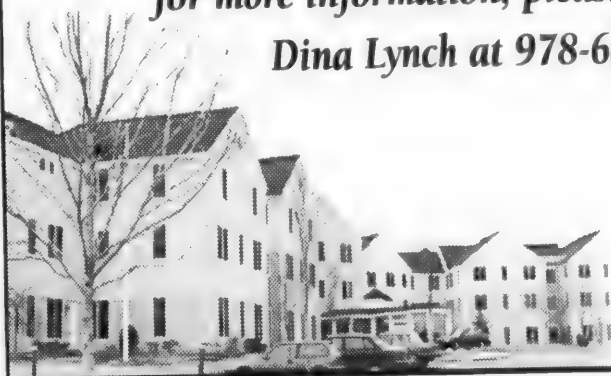
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SiteLines premieres Saturday

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definitely here that don't like the piece, but they realize it's a temporary project," says Larson.

All of the pieces, in fact, will be removed and the downtown landscape – inside public and private buildings, and out – will return to normal after Sept. 29, when the exhibit ends.

The very creation of *SiteLines* is a collaboration of the artists, Phillips Academy, students of other local schools and institutions, including the Historical Society, Andover Youth Services, Andover High School, town employees, Doherty Middle School, Essex Art Center in Lawrence, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Lawrence High School and Memorial Hall Library.

Kids from Andover Youth Services assisted artist Andrea Zittel last week in preparing her recycled-refuse wall panels. Zittel, inspired by a desire to create wall panels for her own home, is using trash from her past art projects to make these panels.

"The art of it was more the process of it all," says Tony Lombardi of Youth Services. "(We took) paper and cardboard, put it through a shredder, mixed it with wallpaper paste and... colored it with dye. Then this pulp was

poured into trays with different patterns on the bottom. It's innovative and earth conscious."

In addition to Stockholder's and Zittel's creations, people will see a sculptural observation deck outside of Old Town Hall by Jason Middlebrook, which will allow passersby to take a moment and view their surroundings from a foot off the ground. Nari Ward's Jamaican-style street vendor carts will travel from school to school, which will address the concept of cultural categories. Abelardo Morell is installing a "camera obscura" at Memorial Hall Library to give visitors a peek at Elm Square from inside the building. Lee Mingwei's Mosquito Cinema will project movies, selected by students to represent American culture, onto the back of PA's Kemper Auditorium. Mel Kendrick carved a wooden sculpture for Phillips Academy's grounds from tree parts he found at Andover's tree dump. Mark Dion will photograph artifacts he has researched as part of children's history, including toys and furniture. Arthur Ganson is building a machine that spits out paper printed with poetry written by students from local schools. He'll wrap the tape around trees on Main Street.



Local author Susan O'Neill to read from short stories Sunday

Andover native Susan O'Neill will be at Jabberwocky Bookshop in Newburyport Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. to read from her book *Don't Mean Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam*, a portrayal of the Vietnam War. O'Neill's experiences as an army nurse were the genesis for this debut collection of short stories. O'Neill was an army operating nurse in South Vietnam in 1969.

Jabberwocky's Author Series is free and open to the public.

Sisters bring theater to kids

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matters are beyond younger children. She also believes that the standard book musical does not offer opportunities for many children to experience a moment in the limelight. "I'm sick of going to see shows where there are three roles. I don't feel (the children) are experiencing theater," said Fraser.

With Two-by-Two Productions, it is Fraser and Tropeano's intention to allow more children to experience that five or 10 or 15 minutes of fame. Their opening production, *Around the World on Broadway*, is a two hour musical revue that should offer everyone a chance to shine. In scenes of 10 to 15 minutes in length it features music from popular musicals such as: *Camelot*, *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music*. Because different children will be involved in different scenes, it will not force Fraser and Tropeano to call every child to every rehearsal. "It explores music and musicals that take place around the world," said Tropeano.

The twin sisters have an inside perspective on children's theater because, before they became teachers and directors, they performed in youth theater themselves. They started performing musical theater with the Methuen

Young People's Theater when they were in the seventh grade and continued performing in high school and college in numerous school and community productions. They made their debut directing children with Methuen Children's Theater, where they first produced *Around the World on Broadway*. Of the group they directed there Fraser said, "They had a sense of ownership, contribution."

Registration and auditions are next week. To audition parents must call and reserve a time slot or come to registration night, Thursday, May 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"It's a time to meet us and the producers," said Fraser. Auditions are Sunday, May 5, from 1 to 6 p.m. and Monday, May 6, 5 to 8 p.m.

There is a \$50 registration fee. There will be \$10 discounts for each additional sibling involved. The first sibling will get \$10 off, the next \$20 and so on. "Kerrie and I are very sensitive to sibling issues because we could never afford anything," said Tropeano. The auditions, rehearsals and performances will be held at the Hogan Center in Danvers. Performances are July 13 and 14.

To register for an audition call: 978-621-8658 or e-mail: <twobytwoproductions@yahoo.com>



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Thursday, May 2

Discussion on famous New Englanders, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program, \$1, 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Haverhill; Carol Duhart 978-556-3688.

Campaign for Legal Aid kickoff reception, guest speaker Martha Coakley, 5-7 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Christine Wayne 978-458-1465.

An Evening of Fun and Fashion, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, \$20 non-members, 5-7 p.m., Targe Inn-Andover, River Road; 978-686-0900.

Author reading, Peggy Rambach of *Fighting Gravity*, 7:30 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

North Shore Community College greenhouse plant sale, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., lower greenhouse, NSCC's Essex Aggie campus, Route 62, Danvers; Therese O'Connell 978-475-0727.

Free foreign film, *East is East* (Pakistan, England, 1999), 7:30 p.m., North Shore Community College, Room E203, Lynn; 978-236-1227.

Live comedy, with Kevin Flynn, \$8, 8:30 p.m., Wingate Street Micro Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

Friday, May 3

4th annual Townwide Father/Daughter Dance, for girls in grades K-5 and escorted by significant male family member, with live DJ, dancing, refreshments, raffles, photos, door prizes, sponsored by the Bancroft PTO, 7-10 p.m., tickets \$20 per family, available at Learning Express and Daher's for Kids; Andover High Field House, Shawsheen Road; 978-623-8880.

Wine, food tasting, benefits Ipswich River Park Development Fund, sponsored by North Reading Parks & Recreation, \$30, Thomson Country Club; 978-664-5435.

Merrimack Valley Quilters annual quilt show, \$4, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Holy Angels Church Hall, 8 Atkinson Road, Plaistow, N.H.; 978-685-4628.

Live comedy, Jeff Altman, Larry Myles, Darren Lacroix, call for prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Steve Sweeney, Bob Niles, Ben Murray, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, May 4

Barbecue cooking team visits, Baste Boys share recipes, \$5, 11 a.m., limit-

ed to 50 seats, Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8400.

Yard sale, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, 8 a.m.-noon, West Middle School parking lot, Shawsheen Road; Cathy Wallace 978-475-4094.

Opening reception, *Sitelines: Mark Don's Miniatures*, free, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a focus on children's stories and books from 2-4 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Yard sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Trinitarian Church, 250 Main St., North Andover; Marcia Sampson 978-683-7911.

Laughter in the Library, a family cabaret for all ages, featuring composer David Polansky presenting original songs in styles both funny and serious, audience is encouraged to participate, free, 2:30-3:30 p.m., limited seating, Memorial Hall Library; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.



David Polansky

Live gospel music, benefits Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund and features gospel choirs from around New England, \$10, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4995.

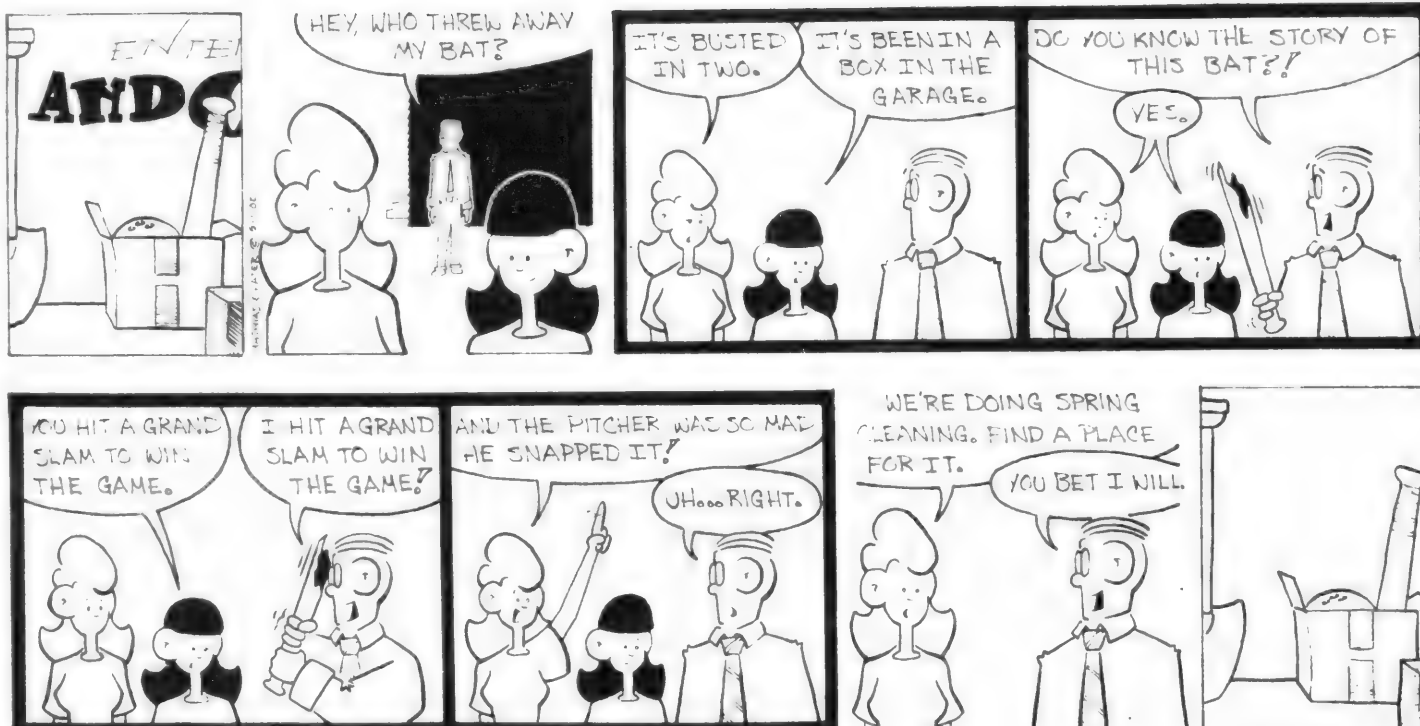
Healing service, 9:30-3:30 p.m., lunch included, Franciscan Center, 459 River Road; 978-851-3391.

The New England Classical Singers present "To Make Words Sing," a program of poetry set to music, 8 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, featuring the Brahms *Liebeslieder Walzes*, Debussy *Trois Chansons De Charles D'Orléans*, *Voices of Terezin*, the haunting poems written by children from the Terezin concentration camp set to music by

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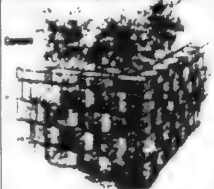
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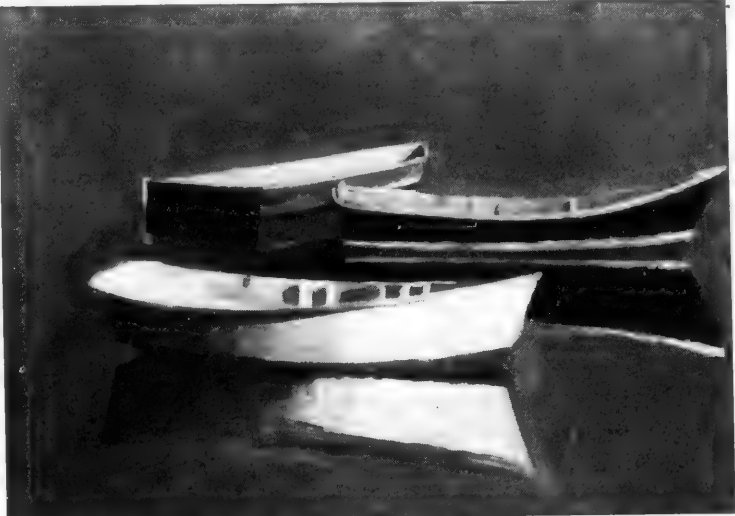
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composer Aaron Rosenthal, and more; tickets at Andover Bookstore, Rogers Center box office; 978-474-6090 or <www.newenglandclassical.org>.

Live music, Charness Family Quintet, free, 8 p.m., Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Ave., Reading; 781-944-2017.



There will be an opening reception at Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St., this Saturday (6:30-9:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1-4 p.m.) for John Evans's BOATS exhibit of 20 new oil paintings. Pictured is his oil-on-canvas work, "Three Boats, II." For more information, call 978-470-0013.

Appraisal fair, benefits St. Gregory Capital Building Fund Campaign, \$10 per item, \$25 for three, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Gregory Armenian Church, 158 Main St., North Andover; 978-685-5038.

Windrush Farm Day and open house, pony rides, face painting, tractor hayrides, \$5 for some events, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 30 Brookview Road, Boxford; 978-682-7855.

Forest Street Follies, featuring live music from Broadway tunes, \$8, \$4 children, 2, 7 p.m., Forest Street Union Church, Forest and Lowell streets, Methuen; David Veit 978-688-2407.

Plant sale, Topsfield Farmer's Market, 7 a.m.-noon, Topsfield Fairgrounds parking lot, Rte. 1, Topsfield; Jane Cook 978-922-1648.

Live music, Haydn *Theresienmesse* by The Master Singers, \$16, \$14 seniors, 8 p.m., First Parish Church, 7 Harrington Road, Lexington; 781-862-6459.

Irish cultural festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Elks Hall, Old Ferry Road, Lowell; 978-459-0561.

◀ **Opening reception**, with John Evans's *BOATS* exhibit, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013.

Organ concert, with Dave Wickerham, \$20, 7:30 p.m., Shanklin Conference Center, First Parish Church of Groton, 978-448-8880 days.

Live music, Newburyport Choral Society, \$20, \$18 seniors, students, 8 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Antiques show, benefits Wenham Museum, \$6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 132

Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Live music, comedy, with Howie

Newman, \$5, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery and Cafe, Haverhill; <www.folk-zone.com/HowieNewman>.

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Parish Church,

129 Reservation Road; Sandy Bertetti

978-475-2251.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Matty Blake,

Bob Niles, Ben Murray, call for

prices, Comedy Escape at the China

Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-

8088.

Merrimack Valley Quilters annual

quilt show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., see May 3

entry.

Sunday, May 5

The Andover Choral Society presents its spring concert "...All Angels Cry Aloud." music of the English Cathedral Tradition, concert honors the 150th birthday of Sir Charles Villiers Stanford and will also include the music of Vaughan Williams, Parry, Noble, Harwood, Bantock, and Howells; conductor: Allen Combs; organist: Leonardo Ciampa; soloist: Joe Dan Harper, 4 p.m., \$10, First Calvary Baptist Church, Rt. 125 & Mass Ave., North Andover; Catherine Brunton 978-687-8225

Combined choirs of South Church and West Parish Church will perform the Bach *Magnificat* BWV 243 in their Sunday worship services with full orchestra, directed by Megan Sharp. service will also include the Bach *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2*, 10:30 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., 978-475-0321

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p.m., Baker's Meadow; DCS 978-
623-8279.

Ballet, *Alice in Wonderland Follies*,

New York Theatre Ballet, \$9, 2, 4:30

p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St.,
Lowell; 978-934-4444.

Antique appraisal day, benefits
Trustees of Reservations, \$10 per
item, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Castle Hill,
Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Road,
Ipswich; 978-356-4351.

Opening reception, 1-4 p.m., *Alpers
Fine Art*, see May 4 entry.

Forest Street Follies, 3 p.m., see May 4
entry.

Organ concert, 2 p.m., see May 4 entry

Monday, May 6

Comedy Classic Golf Tournament,
benefits various youth groups in
Andover, tee times start at 7:30 a.m.,
dinner at 6 p.m., comedy show at 7:30
p.m., \$600 foursome for 18 holes,
Andover Country Club; Jim Arnold
<arnold375@aol.com>.

Shawsheen Woman's Club meeting,
Andover Inn; Edith Johnson 978-475-
0932.

Tuesday, May 7

Andover Garden Club meeting,
11:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalist
Church, Locke Street; Mary de Smet
978-975-0426.

Blood drive, in memory of Alexandra
Miliotis, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Andover High
Field House; appointments necessary
978-623-8641.

Mixer, sponsored by Merrimack Valley
Chamber of Commerce, \$20 non-
members, \$10 members, 5-7 p.m.,
Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192
Broadway, Methuen; 978-475-6556.

Live jazz, with The Chris Neville Trio,
\$10, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia
Restaurant, Route 97, Salem, N.H.;
603-893-6553.

**Homebased Businesswomen's Net-
work Inc. meeting**, \$10, 8:30 a.m.,
Village Green Restaurant, Danvers;
Terri Vickers 781-558-1367.

Aches and pains workshop, sponsored

by Department of Community Ser-
vices, \$35, 7-9 p.m., BodySense,
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Wednesday, May 8

Art of stamping workshop, 7 p.m.,
Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chan-
dler St., Tewksbury; 978-640-4490.

**Civil War Roundtable of Merrimack
meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Hilton Senior
Center, 61 Lafayette Road, Salisbury;
Tom 978-462-8518.

Cancer survivors writing workshop,
6:30-8:30 p.m., bring notebook and
pen, Merrimack Valley YMCA, 65
Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541.

Thursday, May 9

**Andover High Class of 1977 reunion
planning meeting**, 7 p.m., 300 Brick-
stone Square (PAN Communica-
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**Discussion on famous New England-
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Community College's Life Long
Learning Program, \$1, 2 p.m., Bent-

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hill; Carol Duhart 978-556-3688.

**Meeting for volunteer surrogate par-
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sponsored by Educational Surrogate
Parent Program of Westboro, noon-3
p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 508-
792-7679.

Book sale, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tewks-
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**Mother's Day basket-making work-
shop**, sponsored by Department of
Community Services, \$35, 7-9 p.m.,
Doherty Middle School; 978-623-
8274.

Friday, May 10

**State treasurer and gubernatorial
candidate Shannon O'Brien guest
speaker**, Merrimack Valley Chamber
of Commerce luncheon, \$25 non-
members, \$17 members, noon-1:15
p.m., Lanam Club; 978-475-5210.

Andover author reading, Susan
O'Neill reads from *Don't Mean
Nothing: Short Stories of Vietnam*, 7
p.m., Jabberwocky Bookshop, 50
Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-
9359.

Free foreign film, *Waking Ned Devine*
(Ireland, 1998), 7:30 p.m., North
Shore Community College, Room
E203, Lynn; 978-236-1227.

Live music, The Roger Ebacher Quint-
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Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Tim McIntire, Greg Buchanan, open mike night, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, May 11

Andover Crafts in the Park, benefits American Field Service, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine, corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets; 978-475-6829.

Live Celtic music, with Ceili Rain, 7:30 p.m., Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; 978-475-0700.



John Gorka

Workshop on mystics, 9:30-3:30 p.m., lunch included, Franciscan Center, 459 River Road; registration required 978-851-3391.

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Business

IN BRIEF

Chamber hosts candidate Shannon O'Brien, state treasurer



Shannon O'Brien

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a meeting with State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien, a Democratic candidate for governor, on Friday, May 10.

The meeting is from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St.

This event is being presented as part of the Chamber's Executive Luncheon Series Program.

Cost is \$17 per member, \$25 for non-members. For additional information, call the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

Chamber plans networking event

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a marketing mixer, a networking event for businesses, on Tuesday, May 7 at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen.

The mixer will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., and is being co-sponsored by the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Charles F. Dewhirst Family Funeral Homes, and Shawarma Shack.

Wil Carpenter, Chamber vice president, said, "The marketing mixers are a proven way for our members to meet one another and promote their products and services. In addition, there is no better way to meet business people if you are new to the area, than at one of the Merrimack Valley Chamber's mixers."

The mixer will feature hors d'oeuvres, beverages and prizes.

Cost is \$10 per person, or two for \$10 when you bring a friend.

The public is invited. Non-member price is \$20.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber is the region's largest chamber, according to a press release, serving members throughout the Merrimack Valley. For information about the chamber call 978-686-0900, or visit its Web site at <www.merrimackvalleychamber.com>.

Squabbling shelves money for Vale

Article 51, a \$26,000 request for traffic improvements, is withdrawn

By Rebecca Piro

DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN Ballardvale residents, public safety employees and town officials has delayed traffic improvements in the Vale once again.

Ballardvale residents have complained in recent years about increased traffic in the area, much of which they attribute to the area's growing businesses.

Article 51, a \$26,000 request by the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force for traffic improvements, was withdrawn by Selectman Ray Hender Tuesday night.

If the article had been approved, task force members say that a group of residents in control of settlement money from Wyeth BioPharma, formerly Genetics Institute, would have contributed \$54,000 to the project.

Hender indicated that the group could not come to an agreement about what the money would be spent on.

"Certain parts of the plan were not accepted" by town and public safety officials, he said. "The alternatives (to those parts) were not those that could be agreed upon by the entire community."

Prior to Town Meeting, those disagreements had led residents who had promised the \$54,000 to change their minds, said Task Force member Doug White.

Safety Officer Bob Cronin explained after Town Meeting that task force members had initially drawn up a plan that called for speed tables. Public-safety officials refused to approve that plan, saying the tables – a wider version of speed bumps – could damage fire trucks and slow their response to an emergency situation.

The task force redrew the plan to implement curb bump-outs instead, or rounded areas of curbs at intersections. But those narrowed the roads in Ballardvale too much, Cronin said.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

A sign of the times – The scene near Andover and River streets.

As a final option, the task force considered installing some curbing only. But members could not agree on the curbing, said White. Members were also concerned that curbing would not improve traffic and pedestrian safety to the level they had hoped.

"(The plan) was watered down to the point it didn't exist," said White. "So they withdrew the money."

Planning Director Steve Colyer had also spoken out against Article 51, stating that he was wary of the town putting \$26,000 towards the project when the residents with the settlement money refused to divulge information about the money.

This year is the most recent of attempts by Ballardvale residents to implement traffic-calming measures. Last year, Task Force Members with-

drew an article for \$150,000 to pay for design development for traffic calming and beautification. The Finance Committee and the Planning Board had recommended disapproval of that article, saying the task force's master plan – which consisted of requests that added up to a price of \$4 million – was incomplete and ambiguous.

The year prior, Town Meeting granted \$40,000 to conduct a traffic-improvement plan.

White hopes that task force members will continue their efforts and find some common ground with town officials and local workers.

"It's like two camps right now (the town and the residents)," he said. "I think Article 51 became a casualty of that."



Earthfood Store pulls the plug

The Earthfood Store at 28 Chestnut St. has officially closed.

According to Health Director Everett Penney, owners Tom and Sharon Bennett told him in January that they planned to go out of business. At the time the owners were in violation of the federal food regulation requiring that they have a certified food-source manager. The owners said they believed it wasn't worth it to train a food-source manager, as they planned to go out of business anyway, says Penney.

The Bennetts purchased the Earthfood Store from Glennie and Tom McKertich, who sold it after Wild Harvest (now Wild Oats) moved to town.

– By Ben Hellman

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The Earthfood Store is no more.

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Sports

AHS Roundup

First loss for boys tennis, 1st win for baseball team

By Rick Harrison

It was a streak that seemed destined never to end.

But the Andover High boys tennis team recently tasted defeat against a Merrimack Valley Conference opponent for the first time in nearly a decade, dropping a 3-2 decision to host Chelmsford.

The loss was the first for the Golden Warriors in conference play since Chelmsford registered a 3-2 decision on May 20, 1992.

Since that last setback coach Mike Wartman's teams had chalked up 144 consecutive MVC wins, a streak that may never be surpassed by any boys team in the conference.

The Andover boys have also won 264 of their last 274 conference matches.

The Andover girls, meanwhile, kept their own MVC win streak intact, continuing their complete domination of the Merrimack Valley Conference with four more 5-0 sweeps of Billerica, Lawrence, Chelmsford and Lowell High.

Those victories boosted the first-place Lady Warriors to 8-0 overall this spring — with all eight wins by shutout.

Coach Tony Russo's teams, shooting for a lucky 13th straight MVC championship, have now won 191 consecutive conference matches since a 3-2 loss to Lowell on May 21, 1990.

Chelmsford's second doubles team of Chris Sims and Peter Almlof, paired for the first time this spring, sealed the upset win by outlasting the Andover tandem of Nick Culver and Dan Rubin 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 in a marathon match that lasted more than two hours.

The team score was tied 2-2 and these were the last players on the court.

The Golden Warriors picked up their two points at third singles and first doubles.

Junior Capt. Jason Lynn cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 straight-set win over the Lions' Ajay Shah.

Alex Cline and Will Chen battled from behind at first doubles to keep the AHS hopes alive, rallying to overcome Todd Shattuck and Dave Salvucci 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Chelmsford's other two victories came at first and second singles, where Colin Klick swept past Andy Chiaraluce 6-3, 6-3 and Chris Irving topped Avi Lasser 6-2, 6-1.

Andover once again played without injured senior Capt. Andrew Ong. Coach Wartman was philosophical about the loss.

"Chelmsford played hard and very smart. Obviously the match could have gone either way — but to Chelmsford's credit they toughed it out."

Lions' coach Mark Branco was ecstatic after the big win.

"All the pressure was on the second doubles team and they came

through for us. Hopefully this will jump-start us on a long winning streak."

For the first time in years the MVC title appears up for grabs with four teams in the mix.

Entering this week Central Catholic was 6-0, Chelmsford 5-1, Andover 5-1 and Lowell 4-2.

Central handed Chelmsford its only loss, while Lowell was edged 3-2 by both Central and Chelmsford.

"I still think Andover has the best team," said Branco. "But I also believe the four of us have legitimate shots at the championship."

The Andover-Chelmsford rematch is scheduled May 17 at the AHS courts, with Ong expected back in the lineup by that date.

On the track, the Andover High girls chalked up 45 points on the way to the team championship at the annual Eastern Mass. State Class A Relays at Lovely Field.

The AHS varsity baseball team finally broke out of its season-long funk, Brian Daley tossing a complete-game eight-hitter and batterymate Ross Trainor driving in a pair of runs with two hits in a 5-3 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 win over Lowell Tuesday at Aumais Field.

On the lacrosse field, the Andover girls continue to win with recent victories over Danvers, Tyngsboro and Billerica boosting the overall record to 8-1 to keep the locals tied for first place atop the North League with defending champ Marblehead.

BASEBALL

The long-awaited first win for the AHS varsity baseballers, which followed several close losses earlier this season, came at the expense of Lowell, which threw its best pitcher (Bob Theriault) at the Golden Warriors.

Prior to the triumph, the miseries continued to multiply, as the losing streak reached nine games after lopsided losses to Billerica, 11-4, and Dracut, 15-4.

Schedule

Andover (1-9) played Central Catholic yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and returns to action tomorrow against undefeated MVC Division 1 leader Chelmsford (11-0) at Ayotte Field in Chelmsford (3:30 p.m.).

Monday afternoon the Golden Warriors host Lawrence High, coached by former AHS skipper Dave Bettencourt, at Aumais Field (3:30).

Andover 5 Lowell 3

Senior righthander Brian Daley scattered eight Lowell hits, struck out three, walked two and generally kept himself out of big trouble.

After the Red Raiders inched

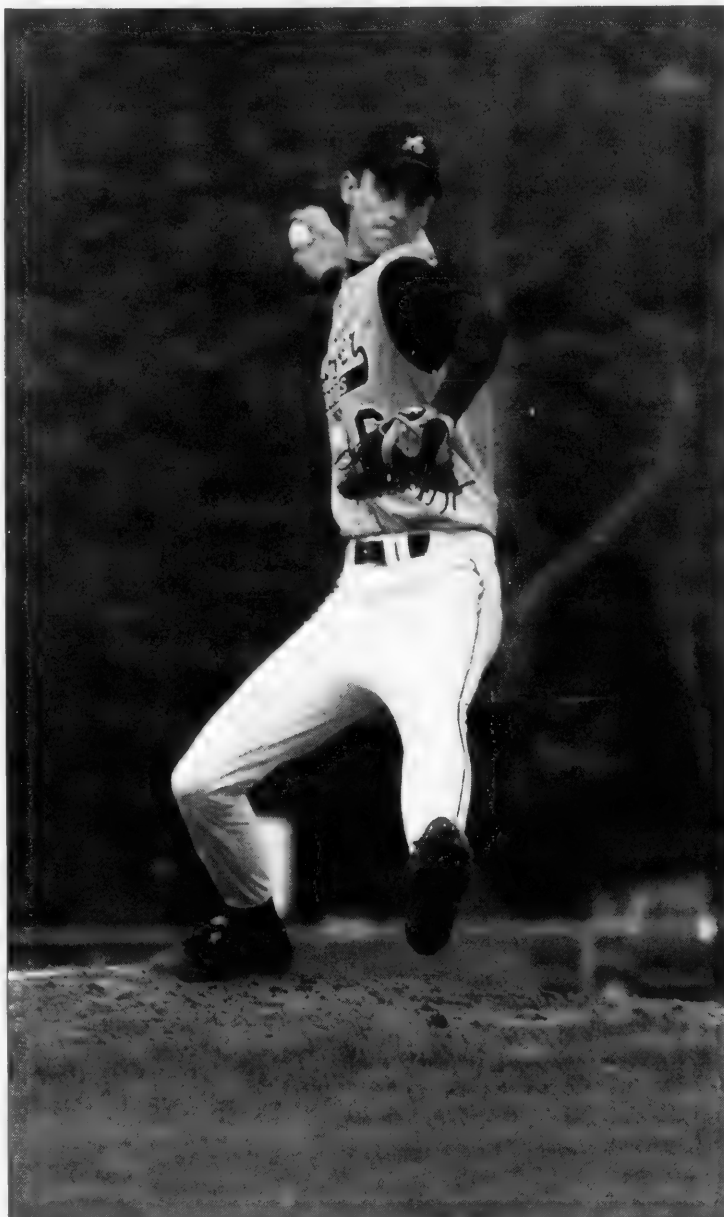


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Brian Daley threw a complete-game win over Lowell on Tuesday afternoon at Aumais Field. Daley scattered eight hits in the 5-3 victory, the Golden Warriors' first of the spring.

ahead 1-0 in the top of the first, Andover struck back with two runs in the second and three more in the bottom of the third.

Daley opened the second with a walk, Capt. Ross Trainor and Rich Capano beat out infield hits and two runs scored on a throwing error.

In the third another Lowell error, a walk and two more singles combined for three runs and a 5-1 lead.

Lowell battled back with two runs in the fourth before Daley slammed the door in the final three innings.

Also lashing a hit each for the Golden Warriors were leadoff batter Ryan Shepard, Capt. Chris Hanlon, Jason White, sophomore Joel Keefe and sophomore Brian Buckley.

Lowell scored in the first on singles by Eric Mojica, Sean Callery and Pat Mullen (RBI).

On the LHS fourth Callery doubled, Pat Donovan singled, Mike Dillon drilled an RBI single and Wil Colon lofted a sacrifice fly.

Big righthander Theriault (3-1)

allowed eight hits and two earned runs while walking three and whiffing three.

Dracut 15 Andover 4

The visiting Middies (7-2) broke the game wide open with five runs in the second and three in the third, ripping seven doubles and scoring in every inning except the first on the way to the victory at Aumais Field.

Capt. Chris Hanlon sparked the AHS seven-hit attack with a pair of doubles and two RBI, while Jason White also banged out two hits and other safeties were laced by sophomore Joel Keefe (RBI), Capt. Sean Smith and Ajay Sisodia. Freshman Matt Hennessey scored twice.

Dracut leadoff batter Ted Dillon, who is hitting .574 for the season, lashed four hits including three doubles and drove in four runs.

Contributing a double and single each to the 19-hit assault were Mike Garipey, Kirk Monbleau, Jim Pearson

and Brent Dumont.

Pearson was the winning pitcher with five innings of four-hit, six-strikeout work.

Billerica 11 Andover 4

The host Indians raced to a 9-1 lead after three innings and went on to the easy Merrimack Valley Conference crossover win.

Andover was limited to three hits by a pair of Billerica pitchers, with starter Derek Tsoukalas winning his varsity debut with five innings of one-hit pitching.

Sophomore leadoff batter Ryan Shepard paced the Golden Warriors with a hit and two runs scored.

Capt. Ross Trainor and Owen Fitzpatrick had the other safeties, while Fitzpatrick and freshman Matt Iorio scored a run each.

BMHS leadoff batter Steve Simolaris had three hits, including a triple, and scored three runs for Billerica. Sean Glavin doubled and scored three runs, while Jim Wilson had two hits, an RBI and scored twice.

Pitchers on both sides combined to issue 19 walks.

TRACK & FIELD

The Lady Warriors had one first and showed impressive depth by placing top six in nine of the 15 events on the way to the Class A Relay title.

MVC rival Haverhill made it interesting by scoring 43 points and finishing just two behind Andover. Third-place Bridgewater-Raynham was also in the hotly-contested fight with 42 points.

Schedule

Andover hosts Lawrence in MVC dual-meet action today at Lovely Field (3:30 p.m.), and Saturday afternoon both Warrior teams travel up the hill to face intra-town rival Phillips Academy coached by former longtime AHS leader Dick Collins.

Class A Relays

Katie Gustin, Natasha Camilo, Patricia Wong and Katie Cail won the 4x100 shuttle hurdles relay in 68.5 seconds to spark the champs.

The high jump trio of Camilo, Becca Fink and Carolyn Berberian had a combined height of 14'2" on the way to second place.

Pole vaulters Gerry Hough, Courtney Hale and Allyson Fortier were third with a total height of 21 feet, while the triple jump trio of Stephanie Casper, Meghan Keefe and Cail also took third after soaring 98'2 1/4."

The locals nailed down a pair of fourth places, Stephanie Auchterlonie, Jamie Singelais and Felicia Thompson tossing the discus 46'1 3/4" and the distance medley relay of Caitlin Hamer, Michelle Pirro, Amy Palmieri and Emily Korba crossing in 13:38.4.

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ TRACK & FIELD

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Fifth place went to the sprint medley quartet of Casper, Amanda Carlson, Brittany Moriarty and Camilo (4:24.7), while the 4x1 mile team of Pirro, Hamer, Megan Lewis and Jazzy Dingler was also fifth in 23:32.2.

Completing the Andover scoring was the sixth-place long jump threesome of Casper, Carlson and Berberian with a total distance of 46'1 3/4."

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The Andover boys finished with 10 points which tied them for 11th place in a 21-school field.

Eight of the points were scored in the pole vault, where the locals were second with a combined height of 28 feet reached by Pat Dolan, Chris Fortunato and Dave Aleksa.

Host AHS also finished sixth in the 4x800 relay with Tyler Hender, Ryan Durkin, Sam Nigh and anchorman Phil Shaw completing the race in 8:46.1.

The final point came in the 4x200 sprint relay where Ryan Donahue, Mike Donahue, Jason Crabb and Alan Clarke also placed sixth in 1:36.6.

Andover girls 82
Tewksbury 63

Stephanie Casper had a spectacular afternoon with three individual wins, while Natasha Camilo won twice and Amanda Carlson was a surprise with a pair of firsts and a second place in this huge triumph over previously-undefeated Tewksbury at the Lovely Field oval.

AHS won it by mauling the visitors in the field events, sweeping the high jump, long jump and going 1-2 in the triple jump on the way to a 45-18

scoring edge in seven events.

The loss was the first in five dual meets for Tewksbury, which won the Eastern Mass. State Class C Relays this past weekend.

"I wasn't sure how we'd do because Tewksbury is an excellent team — and we were without Katie Gustin (throat virus, strained leg muscle) who is our top long jumper, 100-meter hurdler and anchor on the relay," said AHS head coach Peter Comeau.

"Casper and Camilo were also just back from Paris and Spain, where they had been visiting relatives during school vacation week. I wasn't sure how sharp they would be after the lay-off."

"Judging from the results I'd say the time away didn't hurt either girl at all."

Casper produced personal-best distances in both the triple jump (34'4") and long jump (16 feet), and she earned her third victory in the 400 meters with a 63.1 clocking.

Capt. Camilo was tops in the high jump (5'0") and 100-meter high hurdles (16.5), while also taking third in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (49.5).

Carlson sprinted to wins in the 100-meter (13.1) and 200-meter (27.9) dashes, and she was also runner-up to Casper in the long jump (15'6").

Earning a victory each for the locals were miler Caitlin Hamer (5:44.1), shot putter Betsy Miller (28'8"), Ashley Faulk in the javelin throw (99'9") and Gerry Hough who tied Courtney Walls of TMHS for first in the pole vault by clearing 7'6."

The singular most impressive performance of the meet may have been freshman Brittany Moriarty's winning

2:25.6 time in the 800 meters. It is the fastest time in the conference and the area thus far this spring.

Joining Carlson as runners-up were miler Michelle Pirro (5:45.4), high jumper Becca Fink (4'10"), triple jumper Katie Cail (33'1") and Jamie Singelais in the discus (89'2").

Carolyn Berberian completed sweeps of the high jump and long jump, clearing the bar at 4'8" and soaring 15'0."

Others finishing third were two-miler Jazzy Dingler (13:19.2), 100-meter hurdler Patricia Wong (17.3), Cail (100 meters, 13.8), pole vaulter Allyson Fortier (7'6") and Stephanie Auchterlonie (discus, 84'2").

"I'm very proud of the way our girls rose to the occasion in this meet," said Comeau. "We dodged a bullet against a terrific opponent."

SOFTBALL

The Andover High varsity softball team broke a three-game losing streak with a pair of Merrimack Valley Conference victories over Methuen, 8-3, and Lawrence, 5-3, riding the heavy hitting of Andrea Manners and Emily Farmer and the steady pitching of Katie Haugh.

The locals also squared off against powerful Central Catholic, but the game was halted by rain in the top of the fifth inning with Andover trailing 4-1. The Lady Warriors had the bases loaded when the rains came.

At presstime is wasn't known when the Central game will be completed, or whether it will be picked up from the point of suspension or replayed in its entirety.

The recent results left Coach Steph Ragucci's club at 5-3 overall and 3-1 in MVC play.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors hosted struggling Dracut (1-7) yesterday, after Townsman presstime, and are also home tomorrow afternoon against Billerica (3:30 p.m.).

Andover 5
Lawrence 3

This game, played in a steady drizzle at Hayden-Schofield Playstead in Lawrence, saw the Lady Warriors inch ahead 2-1 early and snap a 3-3 tie with two runs in the top of the sixth.

Lawrence had the tying runs in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh, with one out, but Katie Haugh bore down to escape the jam and preserve the victory.

Senior Capt. Haugh (5-2) tossed a complete-game six-hitter, fanning five and walking three. Only one of the Lancer runs was earned.

AHS erased a 1-0 deficit in the second when sophomore slugger Emily Farmer doubled, sophomore Meagan Merinder singled, Capt. Kara Spang's infield out plated Farmer, and sophomore Lauren Vieira's RBI single gave the visitors the lead.

After Lawrence tied it 2-2 with a run in the third, Andover regained the upper hand in the fifth when Farmer ripped a one-out triple down the right field line and scored on a two-out double to center by Spang.

The Lancers tied it again on a passed ball in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Liz Pallotta launched

the Andover sixth with a triple to left-center, and consecutive walks to juniors Jess Leider and Jackie Collins loaded the bases.

After a grounder forced Pallotta at the plate, Dana Medaglio's infield hit rescued Leider with the winning run. A fielder's choice grounder by Farmer accounted for the insurance tally.

Lawrence had a runner aboard with one out in the sixth, but first baseman Farmer stabbed a line drive and tagged the base for a double play to end the inning.

The Lancers had runners at second and third with one out in the seventh, but Haugh ended the game with a strikeout and infield pop to third baseman Manners.

Farmer led a 13-hit AHS barrage with a near-cycle single, double and triple.

Collins, Spang and Vieira contributed two hits each while Manners, Medaglio, Merinder and Pallotta had a safety apiece.

Spang was a defensive standout at catcher as she gunned down a pair of would-be Lawrence basestealers.

Andover 8
Methuen 3

The Lady Warriors broke this game open with a six-run explosion in the bottom of the third — wiping out a 2-1 Methuen lead.

Katie Haugh once again was the route-going winning pitcher, scattering nine Ranger hits while fanning a season-high nine batters and issuing three walks.

After Methuen scored twice in the top of the first, AHS countered with a run in the second when junior Kerrie Dargan walked and Liz Pallotta roped a two-out RBI single to left field.

The six-run third opened with a walk to Andrea Manners, single by Emily Farmer and two-out walk to Dargan which loaded the bases.

Kara Spang's fielder's choice grounder plated the tying run, Lauren Vieira reached on an error scoring two runs, and consecutive RBI singles were lashed by Pallotta, Jess Leider and Jackie Collins.

The final Andover run came in the sixth when Manners belted a solo home run to left-center, her second roundtripper in two games and team's sixth four-bagger of the season.

Manners and Pallotta sparked the nine-hit attack with two each while Leider, Collins, Farmer, Dargan and Vieira had a safety apiece.

Chelmsford 8
Andover 3

Perennial Division 1 power Chelmsford spotted the Lady Warriors a 3-1 lead in the third, but the Lions clawed their way back to a 3-3 tie and broke the game open with five runs in the bottom of the fifth.

For Andover, which managed four hits in the game, Andrea Manners provided the biggest stroke with a three-run homer.

Jackie Collins and Kara Spang contributed a single each while Jess Leider and Collins scored a run apiece.

Freshman Caitlin Carpentier made her varsity pitching debut and allowed 11 hits, while fanning five and walking five, in a complete-game effort.

"We made a couple of mistakes and the nerves showed late in the

game," said coach Ragucci. "Carpentier did well considering she is a freshman and Chelmsford is one of the top teams in the conference."

Kendall Rizzo belted a key three-run double for Chelmsford, while winning pitcher Thyra Dewey cracked a double and single and Jess O'Rourke went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

"Our outfield defense was spectacular," said Ragucci. "Liz Pallotta (right), Jess Leider (center) and Meagan Merinder (left) all made at least one outstanding run-saving catch."

Central Catholic 4
Andover 1

This one isn't over yet.

In the four-plus innings played, Andover managed only one scratch hit off Raiders' flamethrower Erin Phaneuf — a bloop single by Liz Pallotta.

But the Lady Warriors were threatening in the fifth when play was halted by rain. They had the bases loaded after Emily Farmer was hit by a pitch and Phaneuf issued back-to-back walks to Kara Spang and Lauren Vieira.

"We didn't play well in the field and it cost us," said coach Ragucci.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Grace Farnham pumped in five goals and set up two others for a big seven-point game, as the Andover High girls lacrosse team registered a key 15-9 triumph over host Billerica on Tuesday.

The team's sixth straight victory came on the heels of lopsided romps over Danvers (16-5) and Tyngsboro (11-4).

Leading scorers

Diana Crawford continues to pace the AHS scoring parade with 21 goals and 10 assists through nine games.

Twin sister Demorie Crawford has 10 goals and a team-high 15 assists. Grace Farnham 17 goals, 5 assists and Amanda Gallant 17 goals, 2 assists.

Goaltender Jennie Crawford has faced 113 shots and made 69 saves for a .610 save percentage.

Schedule

Andover travels to Topsfield this afternoon for a game against Masconomet Regional (4:30 p.m.), and next Tuesday the locals host winless Lowell at the Doherty Middle School field.

Andover 15
Billerica 9

Backing up sniper Farnham's five-goal performance were Demorie Crawford and Capt. Alice Gregory who had a hat trick each. Diana Crawford netted two goals and singletons were provided by Capt. Emily Shaer and Ali McCoy.

Demorie Crawford also had three assists, Diana Crawford two setups, Shaer one and McCoy one.

Jennie Williams played the whole game in net and finished with eight saves.

Andover never trailed and led 7-3 at the half.

The win kept Andover tied with Marblehead — the only team to beat the locals (8-4) — for first place.

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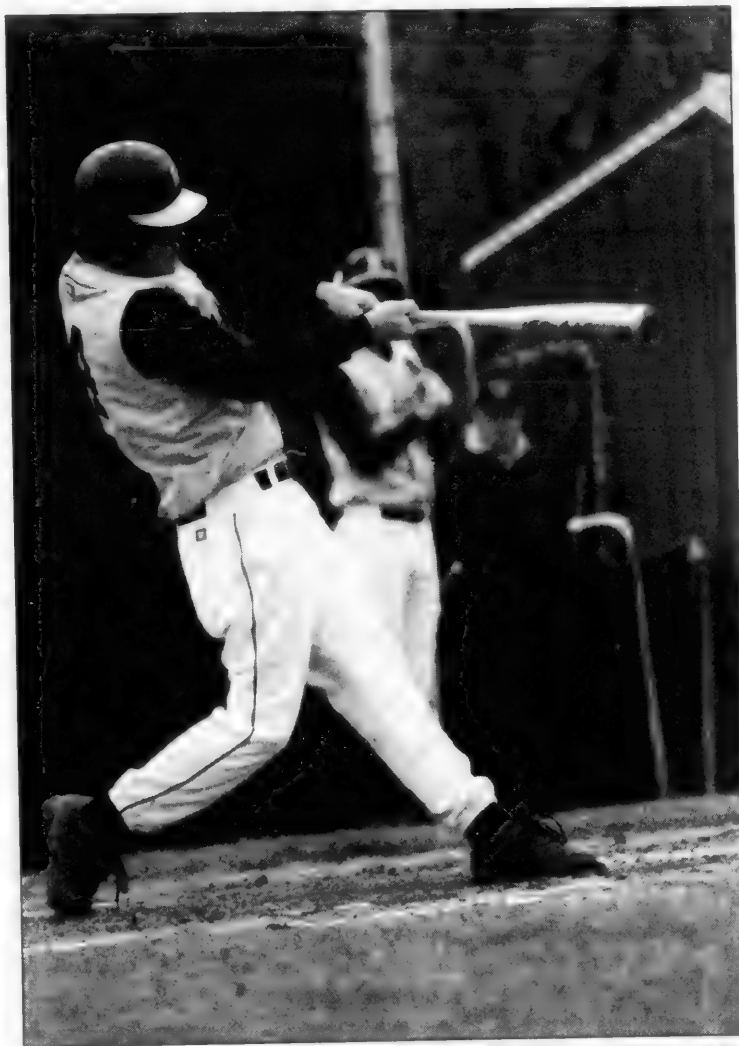


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Capt. Chris Hanlon had one of the Golden Warriors' hits in their 5-3 win over Lowell on Tuesday.

AHS ROUNDUP

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Billerica, the only team to beat Marblehead (13-7), fell to 6-3 overall and missed an opportunity to send Andover tumbling into a second place tie with Beverly.

"Amanda Gallant was out sick and Alice (Gregory) did a terrific job stepping up and filling in for her," said coach Ryan Polley. "Grace and Demorie played phenomenal offensive games against a very good team."

"Our offense has started to click the last few games. The girls are beginning to understand the transition game and how to push the ball up the field quickly and accurately."

"We did a good job of riding their defense today, and we were strong on the loose balls and ground balls," said Polley.

Shayla Sarno and Ashley Martell each had a hat trick for Billerica, while Jenn Faiola added two goals and Lauren Murphy one.

BMHS goalie Patty Pisini made eight saves.

Andover 16
Danvers 5

The Lady Warriors produced their biggest goal barrage of the season and slammed an opponent that coach Polley expressed some concern about.

"This was a real solid all-around game for us. We put it together and completely dominated a team I thought could give us some trouble," said Polley.

Diana Crawford erupted for six goals and two assists, while Amanda Gallant pocketed four goals and Grace Farnham contributed a hat trick and one assist at the home Doherty Middle School field.

Demorie Crawford set up three goals and scored one, while Adrienne Shea and Stephanie Sweeney also found the net once each.

Junior defender Lindsay Mann passed out three assists and Emily Shaer two.

Jennie Williams played the entire game in net and finished with nine saves, while strong defensive efforts came from sophomore Arianna Miliotis, junior cover-point Laura Denison and junior Vaughan MacKenzie.

Andover led the Lady Falcons by a comfortable 10-2 at the half.

Andover 11
Tyngsboro 4

Junior midfielder and Capt. Amanda Gallant delivered a hat trick, while Ali McCoy and Alice Gregory chipped in two goals each, as the Lady Warriors raced to a commanding 10-1 halftime lead over North League foe Tyngsboro at the Tigers' Pierce Field.

Demorie Crawford had a goal and two assists, while other tallies were provided by Katie Stewart, Adrienne Shea and Grace Farnham.

Jeannie Lothrop had two assists, Diana Crawford one and freshman attack Jacqui Munro one.

Angelica Rotsart played the entire game in net and made eight saves.

GIRLS TENNIS

The Andover High girls tennis team continued its complete domination of the Merrimack Valley Conference with four more 5-0 sweeps of Billerica, Lawrence, Chelmsford and Lowell High.

Those victories boosted the first-place Lady Warriors to 8-0 overall with all eight wins by shutout.

Coach Tony Russo's teams, shooting for a lucky 13th straight MVC championship, have now won 191 consecutive conference matches since a 3-2 loss to Lowell on May 21, 1990.

The locals have also won 264 of their last 265 MVC matches and are 286-16 in the last 302 overall including tournament play.

Schedule

AHS completed the first half of the schedule yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with a match against Central Catholic.

Tomorrow afternoon the Lady Warriors, who play six of their last nine on the road, travel to Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro (3:30 p.m.).

Andover 5
Lowell 0

The Lady Warriors dropped only two games in singles and two in doubles as they rolled to the triumph at the Shedd Park courts in Lowell.

First singles Marsha Mogilevich remained undefeated with a 6-2, 6-0 cruise past Meghan Keefe.

Christie Spang and Jodie Richards both blitzed their opponents 6-0, 6-0 in singles, Spang spanking Courtney Keefe and Richards stopping Krista Lambroukas.

Jenicka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald made short work of Courtney Decker and Anne Le, 6-0, 6-0, at first doubles.

Wendy Chen and Elissa Slovin had little trouble against Kristen Koziarski and Emily Smith in a 6-2, 6-0 AHS cruise.

Andover 5
Chelmsford 0

Every match was decided in straight sets although visiting Chelmsford did provide the sternest test thus far.

Sophomore first singles Marsha Mogilevich posted a 6-2, 6-3 win over the Lions' Meghan Roark, Capt. Carolyn Purcell trimmed Katie Gatti 6-1, 6-2 at second singles and freshman Christie Spang was a 6-3, 6-2 victor over Liz Cohen at third singles.

In doubles, the No. 1 junior tandem of Lauren Fitzgerald and Jenicka Hornung bested Leslie Murray and Megan Sullivan 6-3, 6-0.

Second doubles Wendy Chen and freshman Jodi Richard were taken to a second-set tiebreaker before posting a 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) triumph.

Andover 5
Lawrence 0

The Lady Warriors juggled the lineup on the way to the lopsided victory on the AHS courts.

Christie Spang won 6-2, 6-1 at first singles, Jenicka Hornung 6-2, 6-2 at second singles and Capt. Linn Spitzer 6-1, 6-2 at third singles.

Picking up doubles victories were Lauren Fitzgerald and freshman Elissa Slovin 6-1, 6-2 and the freshman duo of Whitney Upton and Lindsay Davidson 6-2, 6-3.

Andover 5
Billerica 0

Once again every match resulted in a straight-set triumph for the Lady Warriors, who dropped only eight games in six singles sets and five games in doubles.

First singles Marsha Mogilevich and third singles Linn Spitzer rolled to identical 6-1, 6-1 decisions over the Indians' Hannah Chavez and Holly Thompson.

Carolyn Purcell was a 6-2, 6-2 victor over Nicole Fitzgerald at second singles.

Jenicka Hornung and sophomore Alyssa Bindman were perfect at second doubles with a 6-0, 6-0 blast past Jessica Granfield and Kathleen Quin.

No. 1 doubles Lauren Fitzgerald and junior Helen Hodges rolled over the BMHS team of Jenna Dupre and Jaclyn Fitzgerald 6-3, 6-2.

BOYS TENNIS

Despite the loss to Chelmsford, the Golden Warriors remained in the thick of the Merrimack Valley Conference title fight with wins over Billerica (5-0), Lawrence (5-0) and Lowell (5-0).

Those results boosted the locals to 5-2 overall and 5-1 in conference play.

Schedule

AHS had a showdown match with Central Catholic yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, at the Merrimack College courts.

Next week the locals play three matches in three days, Monday home versus Haverhill, Tuesday home against non-league power St. John's Prep of Danvers and Wednesday at Methuen (all 3:30 p.m.).

Andover 5
Lowell 0

The visiting Red Raiders (4-3), who have their strongest team in years, took two of the singles matches to three sets and gave the Golden Warriors a better battle than the final score indicates.

At first singles, Andy Chiaraluce dropped the first set before roaring back for a 1-6, 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Lowell's Helder Nogueira.

Jason Lynn handed Bill Ryan his first loss of the season, Lynn winning the first set, 6-4, Ryan the second set, 7-5, and Lynn then dominating the final set, 6-0.

Avi Lasser had fewer struggles at third singles with a 6-1, 6-3 decision over Brian Bergeron.

Andover's first doubles of Alex Cline and Will Chen soared and then struggled in a 6-0, 6-4 sweep over Al Soares and Long Nguyen of the Red Raiders.

Second doubles was also competitive with the AHS tandem of Max Chistyakov and Brian Axelrod staying a few strokes ahead of Brendan White and Jamie O'Hearn for a 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Andover 5
Billerica 0

Not only did the Golden Warriors

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS TENNIS

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sweep the match — they did not surrender a game in the 10 sets.

"It was threatening rain and we wanted to finish before the skies opened up," said coach Mike Wartman.

Racing to 6-0, 6-0 victories in singles were Andy Chiaraluce, Avi Lasser and Jason Lynn.

Notching similar whitewashes in doubles were the AHS teams of Alex Cline/Will Chen and sophomores Max Chistyakov/Brian Axelrod.

Andover 5 Lawrence 0

Junior Capt. Jason Lynn, sidelined the first three weeks of the season with a knee injury, returned to the Golden Warriors' lineup at No. 1 singles and rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Vu Ly.

Sophomores Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod were equally dominant with 6-0, 6-0 sweeps of Manny Madera and Reynald Rabel respectively.

Senior first doubles Nick Culver and Dan Rubin kept the 6-0, 6-0 theme going by whitewashing the Lancers' Jose Dominguez and Mike Le.

Senior Nick Vaccaro and junior Dave Nill completed the AHS romp with a 6-1, 6-0 conquest of An Nghiem and Mike Caraballo.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

After stretching its win streak through five matches with victories over Dracut (2-0) and Haverhill (2-1), the Andover High boys varsity volleyball team came up short in a 2-0 loss to undefeated Merrimack Valley Conference leader St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Those results left coach George Sullivan's team at 7-3 overall and 6-3 in conference play, as the locals entered the second half of the schedule with a match last night at Central Catholic.

AHS needs three more wins to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament.

Sullivan was seeking his 195th career victory with AHS last night, as he closes in on milestone win No. 200 which should come later this month.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors have a tough assignment tomorrow as they host once-beaten Chelmsford (10-1) at the Dunn Gym (4 p.m.).

Andover 2 Haverhill 1

The visiting Hillies did not fall easily as AHS struggled to a 15-5, 14-16, 15-10 triumph at the Dunn Gym.

"The first game was too easy for

us," said coach Sullivan. "We weren't aggressive in the second game and it cost us. But we got it back together for the final game.

"Haverhill has improved tremendously. We were fortunate because this was one of our better days hitting and serving.

"A couple of our best players struggled," added Sullivan. "Two weeks ago that would have been a problem and we might have lost the match. But we're playing with much more confidence now."

Junior Capt. Steve Johnson was 14-for-14 serving and 21-for-29 hitting with a team-high six kills.

He and junior Steve Gerstein (13-for-13) came through with a number of crucial serves in the deciding game.

Capt. Elliot Perkins finished 22-for-29 hitting, with five kills, and 14-for-15 serving.

Junior Cam Day continued to improve with 23-for-26 hitting and three kills.

Junior Andy Ahern was 9-for-9 hitting, junior David Hsu 8-for-8 hitting and 12-for-12 serving, and Capt. Stu Smilowitz 4-for-7 hitting and 9-for-12 serving.

Junior Shawn Furey contributed strong defense and a perfect 16-for-16 serving, and senior George Lewis was 2-for-2 hitting.

"We were 78-for-82 serving as a team and that ain't too shabby," said Sullivan.

The Andover JVs swept to a 2-0 win over Haverhill in the prelim.

Leading the 15-13, 15-5 win were Casey Cho (6-for-9 hitting, two kills, strong passing), Peter Wang (9-for-10 serving, good setting) and Sean Cummings (8-for-8 serving, good setting).

Also playing well were Pardeep Thandi (9-for-9 serving, defense), Ian McMahon (7 blocks, 5-for-7 hitting, three blocks), Chris James (6-for-6 serving, defense) and Matt Monteiro (10-for-11 hitting, three kills).

Andover 2 Dracut 0

After falling behind 12-7 in the first game, the Golden Warriors rallied for a 15-13, 15-6 sweep of the host Middies.

"We did some basic crosses and deception to come from behind in the opening game," said coach Sullivan. "Our hitting and defense was much stronger in the second game."

Elliot Perkins and Steve Johnson had similar statistics, Perkins 23-for-24 hitting with three kills and Johnson 23-for-27 with five kills. Both also had three good serves.

Cam Day went 19-for-22 hitting, with one kill, while both Andy Ahern (two kills) and Stu Smilowitz were 10-for-11 hitting.

David Hsu was 11-for-12 hitting, 9-for-10 serving and Sullivan lauded his "smart play."

Others contributing to the win were Shawn Furey (6-for-10 hitting, 6-for-6 serving), Steve Gerstein (2-for-2 hitting, 3-for-3 serving), sophomore Jake Kleinman (3-for-4 hitting) and George Lewis (1-for-1 hitting).

The Dracut JVs defeated Andover 2-0 in the prelim, snapping the locals five-match win streak with a 15-8, 15-9 sweep. Playing well for AHS were Adam Spang (serving, back-row defense) and Ian McMahon (seven blocks, five kills).

St. John's Prep 2 Andover 0

The host Golden Warriors stayed with SJP in both games, but the unbeaten Eagles (10-0) were able to record methodical 15-11 and 15-12 victories on the way to the sweep.

"We played them tough," said coach Sullivan. "But we also started slowly again in the opening game — and we had a few costly letdowns throughout the match."

"You have to hit the ball very hard and play an almost flawless match to beat a team like St. John's."

Steve Johnson made no mistakes as he went 12-for-12 hitting, with a team-high five kills, and 9-for-9 serving.

Elliot Perkins also played well with 10-for-12 hitting, four kills, 7-for-9 serving and strong blocking at the net.

Cam Day was 9-for-11 hitting, with two kills, while Andy Ahern finished 7-for-8 hitting and also blocked well.

David Hsu went 12-for-12 serving and 2-for-3 hitting with one kill.

Other key contributors for AHS were George Lewis (4-for-4 hitting, 1-for-1 serving), Shawn Furey (10-for-11 serving, 2-for-2 hitting), Steve Gerstein (5-for-6 serving), Stu Smilowitz (4-for-5 serving), Jake Kleinman (2-for-2 hitting, blocking) and Matt Monteiro (2-for-2 hitting).

The AHS junior varsity improved to 7-3 with a 2-0 triumph in the prelim. The locals won the first game, 15-10, and came from way behind to complete the sweep, 15-11.

Playing well were Sean Cummings (serving, setting), Pardeep Thandi (8-for-8 serving), Peter Wang (9-for-10 serving, setting), Ian McMahon (six blocks) and freshman Chris James (8-for-8 serving).

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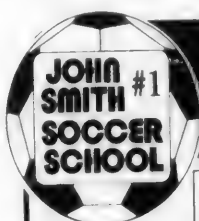
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Annual May breakfast, \$4, \$2 children, 7-10 a.m., First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St. (Rte. 133), Tewksbury; 978-851-6214.

Barbershop chorus show, The Northshoremens, \$10, \$15 evening, 2, 8 p.m., Beverly High School auditorium, Beverly; 978-927-0522.

Yard sale, 9 a.m.-noon, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St.; 978-475-4059.

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Sunday, May 12

Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra concert, featuring Jessica Hsiao, Athena Hsieh, Jessica Huang, and Jeffery Wessler, all of Andover, \$7, 7 p.m., Tsai Performance Center, 685 Commonwealth Ave., Boston; 617-353-8724.

Ongoing

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibition, Inspired by Nature: Paintings & Drawings by Tamara Krendel, through June 30; SiteLines: Art on Main installation by artist Mark Dion opens May 4 with Small Story Stops from 2-4 p.m. Volunteer teaching positions are still open for Andover at Work in the 1800s, interactive third grade education program running

every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. through mid-June. The Caroline Underhill Research Library and Archives is open by appointment. The Museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$3 students; 978-475-2236 <www.andhist.org>.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

North Andover Historical Society,

153 Academy Road, North Andover maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830. 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century. library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties. 978-686-4035

American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; All for One &

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Gospelfest concert to be performed at Phillips Academy

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present a Gospelfest concert Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m., to benefit the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund. The performance will feature gospel choirs from all around New England and will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Admission is \$10 for adults; students and seniors \$5; PA students admitted with ID.

The program will include performances by the New England Gospel Ensemble of Boston, James Early, director; "Praise," of Boston, Renese King, director; the Boston Community Choir, Dennis Slaughter, director; and will be joined by numerous guest artists. Hosting this concert is the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir, Hobart Yates, director; William Thomas, faculty adviser; and Kristina Guild and Kathryn Hume, student coordinators.

Established in 1994 by the Phillips Academy faculty of color, the Sojourner Truth Scholarship Fund supports one of the Academy's essential purposes: to open doors for talented "youth from every quarter." It is named in honor of the moral commitment and compelling personality of the great American pilgrim, Sojourner Truth, who in 1863 visited Harriet Beecher Stowe at Andover. Born a slave and given the name Isabella, which she changed upon her escape to freedom, Sojourner traveled the country preaching and speaking for the abolitionist movement and the cause of women's rights. The fund committee plans to support a full scholarship for a boarding student.

For more information, contact the music department at 978-749-4995.

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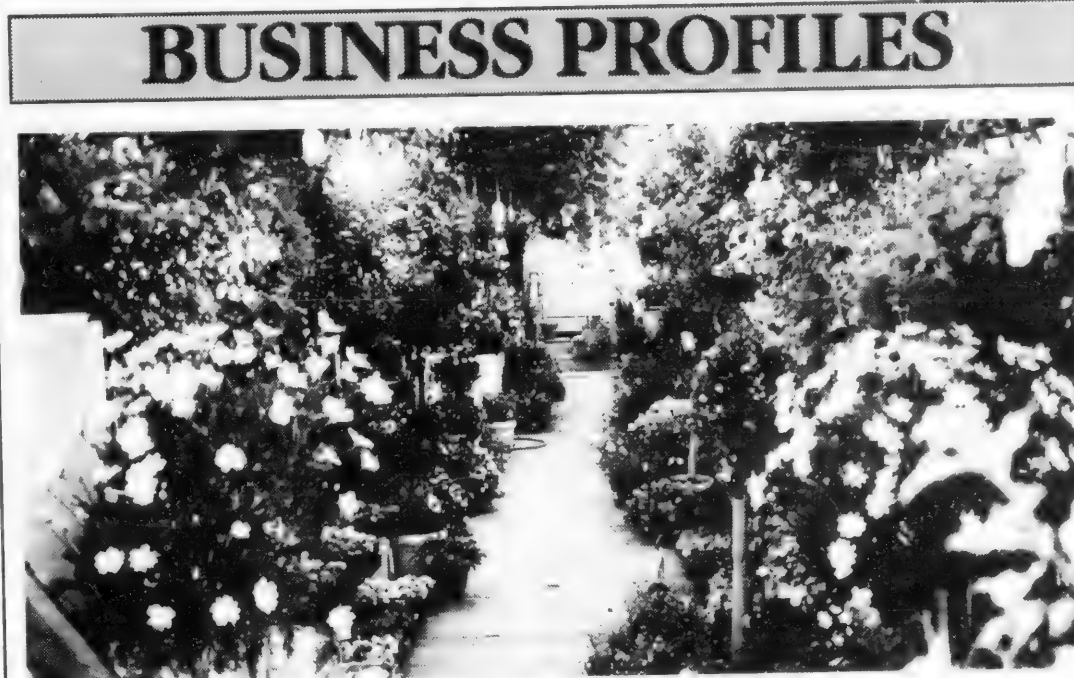
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Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, current exhibitions include: A Celebration of Art and Music Throughout Andover:

SiteLines: Art on Main

To celebrate the opening day of SiteLines: Art on Main, Saturday, May 4, the Addison Gallery of American Art is hosting a day of art and music to take place throughout Andover. The temporary artworks created for SiteLines: Art on Main by nine nationally recognized artists working with students from Andover and Lawrence will be on view. Site maps will be available at each installation site and the Addison Gallery of American Art. Beginning at 1 p.m. at Old Town Hall, a day-long celebration will culminate in an opening reception at the Addison Gallery from 7-9 p.m. Saturday's opening day schedule includes the following:

1 p.m. Opening ceremonies for SiteLines: Art on Main. Refreshments and performances: African Drumming, featuring Wole Alade and students from Phillips Academy Spokenword poetry, Soul Kaliber from Merrimack College featuring Roberto German, Troy Lazaro, and Jackson Garcia. Old Town Hall

2-4 p.m.

Small Story Stops - Participatory activities for the family, Andover Historical Society

2:15 p.m.

Hip-Hop dance by Lawrence Ballet Academy Performance in front of Memorial Hall Library; Abelardo Morell's camera obscura (inside) Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square

2:30 p.m.

Bagpipe Procession by John Simeone Phillips Academy Main Street (Elm Square to the Vista)

2:30-3:30 p.m.

David Polansky Family Cabaret Memorial Hall Library (Children's room)

3 p.m.

PB & Jam, rock band led by Eric Giordano of Andover High School The Vista (corner of Main and Phillips Street)

3:45 p.m.

The Young Ones, a cappella group featuring Lester Saldana, Michael

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Opening of Spring Exhibitions

Refreshments and music by The Juke-Box4 featuring Dylan Castaldi, James Krendel-Clark, Kyle Miles, and Matthew Villanueva, Addison Gallery of American Art

8:30 p.m.

Taiko Drumming Club and Asian Arts Fashion Show of Phillips Academy, procession to announce the premiere of Mosquito Cinema, Outside Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy

9 p.m.

Premiere of Mosquito Cinema *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, rated PG-13, 120 minutes

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In case of rain, most outdoor performances will be held in Old Town Hall from 1-3 p.m. Bagpipes and the

Young Ones will perform at the Addison from 3-5 p.m. Drawing, Fashion Show, and Mosquito Cinema will be in Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy

SiteLines: Art on Main, organized by the Addison Gallery of American Art has brought nationally recognized artists to work with Andover and Lawrence high-school students on the creation of temporary outdoor art works. On view through Sept. 29, the resulting sculptures, installations, and events will be sited along a 3/4-mile stretch of Main Street from the Phillips Academy campus into downtown Andover

Local organizations participating in SiteLines: Art on Main include Andover High School, Andover Historical Society, Andover Youth Services, Doherty Middle School, Essex Art Center, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Lawrence High School, Memorial Hall Library, Phillips Academy, and the Town of Andover

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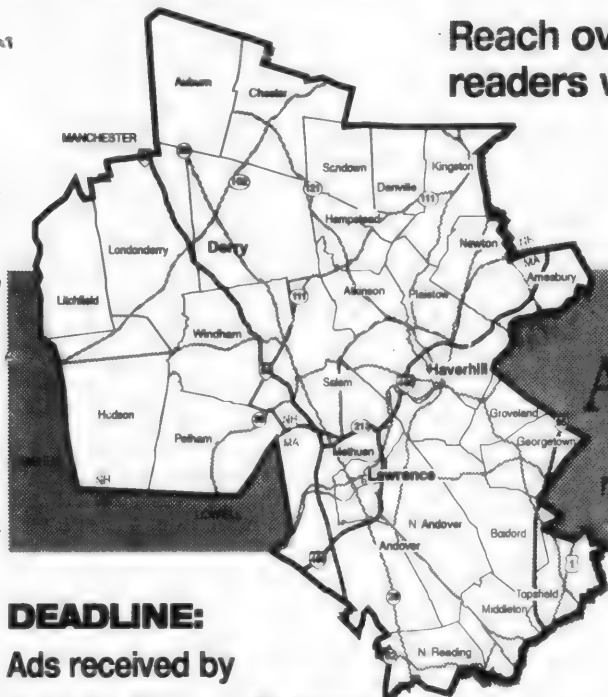
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In the ESTATE OF
CATHERINE A. MILLER
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
February 9, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that VERA CAMPBELL of LAWRENCE in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety. ROBERT E. MILLER, first named executor, having deceased; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said COMMONWEALTH.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 20, 2002.**

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(or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, April 12, 2002.
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
Law Office of Attorney Richard T. Kelley
114 Newton Street
Lawrence, MA 01843
May 2, 2002

Commonwealth Of
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ESSEX Division
Docket No. 02P0853EP1

In the ESTATE OF
RUTH E. TIBBETTS
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
January 7, 2002

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that HELEN GARDNER CAMPBELL OF IPSWICH in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **MAY 20, 2002.**

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WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, April 16, 2002.
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
May 2, 2002

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on TUESDAY, May 7, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of RSR LLC, 1501 Main Street, #47, Tewksbury, MA 01876 for variances from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, § 4.1.2 & § 4.1.4.1a and for a special permit under Article VIII, § 7.6 to allow the construction of a four-unit residential structure on a non-conforming lot, which does not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 181 High St., Andover, MA in an APT District and are shown on Assessor's Map 1 as Lot 10.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
May 2, 2002

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Docket No. 01P3064AD1**

In the ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA LEVI AKA
VIRGINIA E. LEVI
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death
January 19, 2001
**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATRIX**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that BARBARA SKINNER of STONEHAM in the County of Middlesex be appointed administratrix of said estate to serve without surety.

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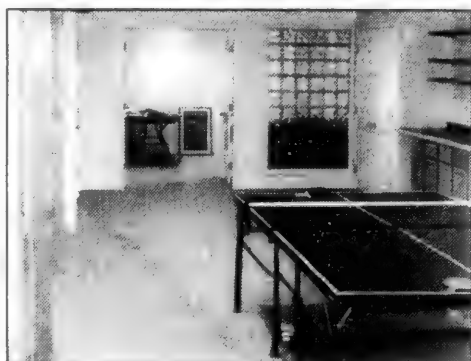
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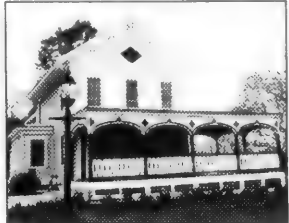
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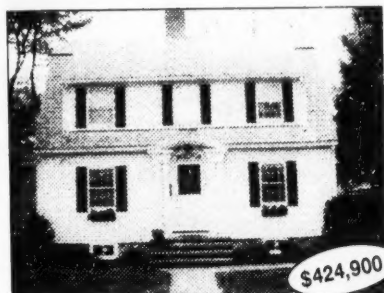
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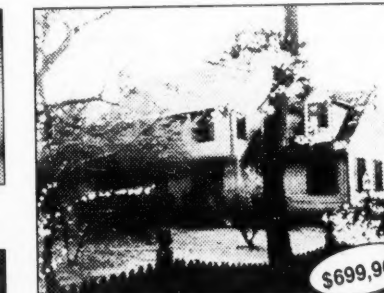
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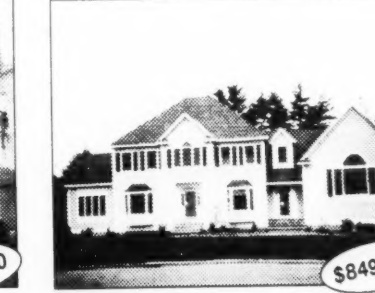
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NORTH ANDOVER - Nicely maintained 10 room home in Great Location! Skylit Sun room, in-ground pool, large Kitchen, Family room and front to back master. 2 fireplaces, central vac, security, 2 car garage & more!
Call Mary McAlary x165.



\$289,900

NORTH ANDOVER - New Price! Townhouse at the Colonnade! Two bedrooms, loft, 1 1/2 baths, balconies, garage & central air!
Call Valerie Duffield x128.



\$849,900

NORTH READING - Immaculate 2 year young, 4,100 sf Colonial at end of cul-de-sac! Open bright & spacious. Garage, Security, partially finished LL, central air/vac, hardwoods, fireplace w/granite - just too much to mention!
Call Jeannette Belben x150.



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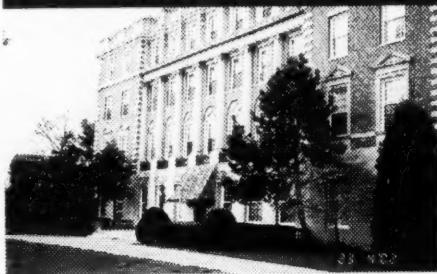
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LOCATION!


ANDOVER - Walk to playground and commuter bus from this Shawsheen Village home. Set on a side street, this 7 room home features a gas fireplace in the living room, hardwood floors, up-dated kitchen, 2 full baths, and a garage. Just minutes from shopping and commuter routes! **\$379,900**

JUST LISTED!


ANDOVER - One of a kind 3rd floor unit with beautiful view of lawn and river. Gorgeous marble fireplace, exquisite ceiling moldings, master bedroom with full bath and walk-in closet, over 1200 sq. ft. of living space. Elevator in building. Pets welcome. **\$249,900**

JUST LISTED!


NORTH ANDOVER - Wonderful 5 room Ranch with 2 additional rooms in lower level. Kitchen with center island and pass way to breakfast area, hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms. Updates include new boiler and hot water tank. Town services. Nice sized fenced lot in a handy location. **\$274,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


NORTH ANDOVER - 547 Mass Ave. Wonderful condo alternative! Charming 6 room Bungalow located near the library. Hardwood floors under w/w, 1.5 baths, dining room plus study or 3rd bedroom, screened porch, 1st floor laundry, private smaller sized back yard for easy maintenance. **\$299,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


NORTH ANDOVER - 1st ad! 112 Millpond. Rare opportunity! Immaculate 5 room, 2 bedroom unit with 1.5 baths and 2 car garage featuring spectacular water views of Mill Pond and Stevens Pond. Idyllic setting with wonderful amenities! **\$299,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

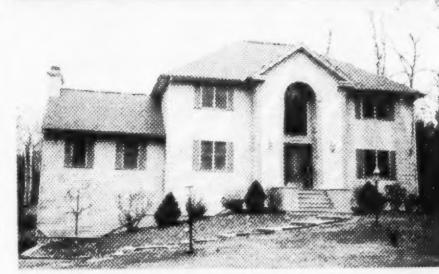

ANDOVER - 46 Greenwood Road. Spacious bright 60' Ranch set well back from the road on nearly an acre lot with good proximity to town, schools and commuter routes. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, 3 full baths, finished lower level, oversized 2 car garage. **\$440,000**

FEATURE HOME OF THE WEEK
OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


ANDOVER - 8 Kensington Street. Classic brick Colonial in the sought after historic Shawsheen Village neighborhood. Features include a gracious foyer with turned staircase, gleaming hardwood floors, oversized windows, built-ins, updated granite and cherry kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, and 3 season sun room. Set on an intimate beautifully landscaped lot with private brick patio in a prime location just minutes from Andover Country Club, commuter routes, commuter train, schools, shopping and fine dining. **\$879,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

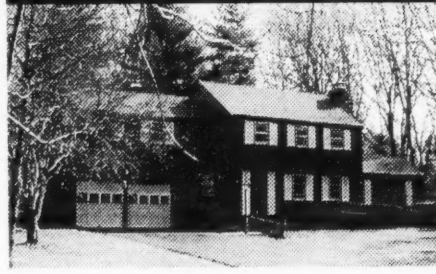

BRADFORD - 22 Valley View Farm. Fabulous 8 room Contemporary Colonial featuring spacious sunny interior with open marble foyer, double faced fireplace between kitchen and family room, hardwood floors, central air, beautiful views from oversized sun-deck. **\$430,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


HAVERHILL - 1st ad! 40 Village Wood Drive. Immaculate 3,500 sq. ft. Colonial with 2 story foyer, large eat-in kitchen, adjacent family room, vaulted ceiling master bedroom, master bath with whirlpool tub and Corian sinks, central air, sprinkler - all this on an acre lot. **\$445,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

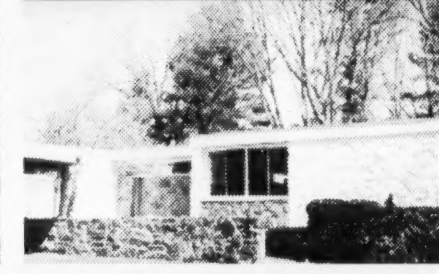

ANDOVER - 2 Hansom Road. Spacious 8 room home built by Wynwood in a desirable cul-de-sac neighborhood walking distance to Sanborn School and Indian Ridge C.C. Many updates including recent master bath, 2.5 baths, cherry cabinet kitchen, private yard with in-ground pool. **\$537,500**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


ANDOVER - 6 Strawberry Hill. Enjoy near town living with the benefits of a cul-de-sac setting! Fresh & bright interior, 2 fireplaces, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, many up-dates! Gorgeous level lot with back-drop of trees and in-ground pool. **\$557,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


BOXFORD - 40B Joseph Smith Lane. 6 year young 10 room Expanded Cape in a picture perfect setting of 8 acres at the end of cul-de-sac. First floor master, light and bright interior, 3.5 baths, lovely details - 3,800 sq. ft. of living area includes finished lower level. **\$659,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!


ANDOVER - 81 Reservation Road. Award winning dramatic modernist home designed by world famous Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer. Extensively renovated throughout with energy saving and state-of-the-art features. Private near town 2+ acre estate-like setting. **\$1,195,000**


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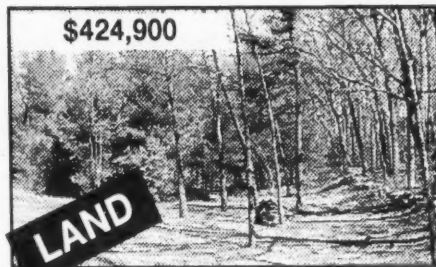
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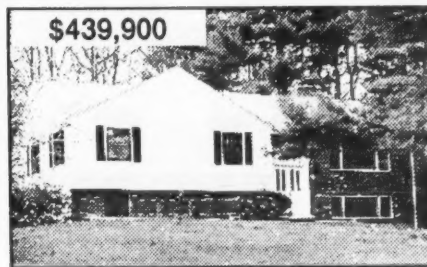
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NEW!

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
 Affordable opportunity in Andover
 Intown - six rooms - 2 bedrooms
 possible 2nd floor expansion
 walk to train - great 1/2 acre lot - circular drive
 Light and bright charming interiors
 Another new listing by The Moody Team x251
 bmoody@andoverliving.com \$315,000


\$424,900
LAND

ANDOVER!
SPECIAL LOT ~ PRIME LOCATION!
 Gentle slopes perfect for a fine home
 The property abuts Avis land
 across the road from Baker's Meadow
 just minutes from town, schools, & highways
 Another listing by Chris Doherty x230
 cdoherty@andoverliving.com \$424,900


\$439,900

ANDOVER!
 Located close to town & commuting
 New siding/garage doors & front door
 gleaming HW - new carpet & kitchen appliances
 Fireplaced living, dining & family rooms
 9 rms - 4 bdrms - 2.5 baths - screened porch
 Another listing by Mehr Tabassi x225
 mtabassi@andoverliving.com \$439,900


\$449,900

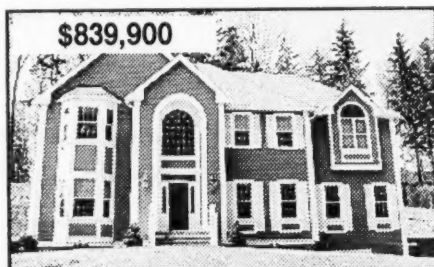
ANDOVER!
 Colonial in new Cross School district!
 8/4BR/1.5BA - inground pool - 1.2 acres
 2 car garage with 3 additional rooms above
 newer cedar clapboard & newer seamless gutters
 oak kit cabs & huge cedar closet in master
 Another listing by Deb Perrone x206
 dperrone@andoverliving.com \$449,900


\$469,900

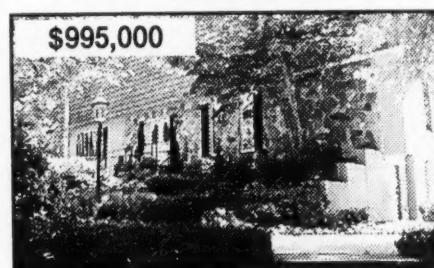
ANDOVER!
 New Construction with pondviews!
 Well designed Col - Call for plans & specs
 Nice setbacks - family rm w/fireplace
 Master w/priv bath & walk-in closets
 7 rm - 3 BR - 2.5 BA - 2 car attached
 Another listing by Kathy Cyrier x224
 kcyrier@andoverliving.com \$469,900


\$529,900

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
 gorgeous lot with view of Baker's Meadow
 Custom designed - one owner
 Updated kitchen - 2 fireplaces - hardwood floors
 Enclosed porch, deck, sturdy shed.
 Private yard - Minutes to town & schools
 Another new listing by The Moody Team x251
 bmoody@andoverliving.com \$529,900


\$839,900

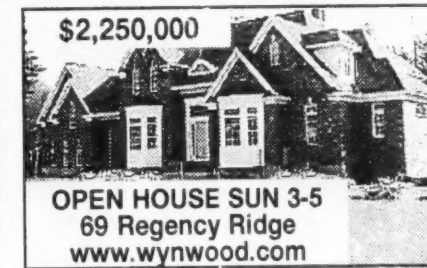
ANDOVER! NEW CONSTRUCTION!
 Stunning 3420+ sq. ft. Colonial to be built
 featuring a curved staircase & hardwood floors
 3 car garage - sunroom - great location
 Builder is open to other designs
 Call office for plans and specs
 Another listing by Pam Lebowitz x265
 plebowitz@andoverliving.com \$839,900


\$995,000

ANDOVER, Spectacular!
 Landscaped private acre+ abuts state forest
 Open floor plan perfect for entertaining
 Cathedral ceiling 33x18 dining area with wall to wall glass
 11 rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths - 4800+ living space
 1st floor master with skylit marble bath/Jacuzzi
 Another listing by JB Doherty x212
 jbdoherty@andoverliving.com \$995,000


\$1,690,000

ANDOVER, Phillips Academy!
 Intown updated Greek Revival
 designer kitchen - top of line appliances
 2nd flr laundry - 2 stairways - master ensuite
 2 porches - 3 car detached garage
 13 rooms - 6 BR - 4.5 BA - 5 fireplaces
 Another listing by Doug Howe x229
 dhowe@andoverliving.com \$1,690,000


\$2,250,000

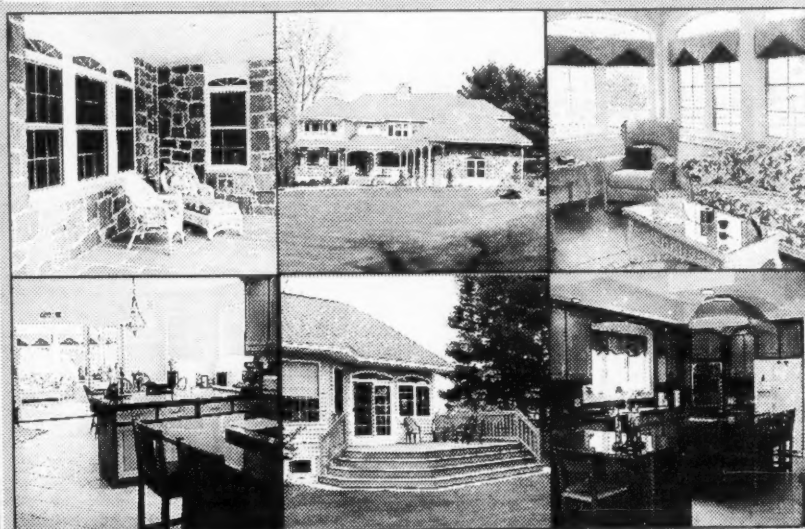
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ANDOVER, EXCEPTIONAL NEW CONSTRUCTION!
 Wynwood built home at Regency Ridge
 Exemplifies grandeur throughout
 Spectacular kit opens to palatial fam rm
 1st flr mat w/gas FP & sitting area
 4 spc BR on the 2nd floor - 5900 liv area
 Another listing by J. B. Doherty x212
 jbdoherty@andoverliving.com \$2,250,000


\$2,950,000
NEW!

ANDOVER, 1st Ad!
 On the fairway at Indian Ridge!
 Country French Home is a masterpiece
 7500 sf of superbly designed living space
 Spectacular views of the golf course
 11+ rooms - 5 BR - 4 full/3 half BA
 Another new listing by Chris Doherty x230
 cdoherty@andoverliving.com \$2,950,000

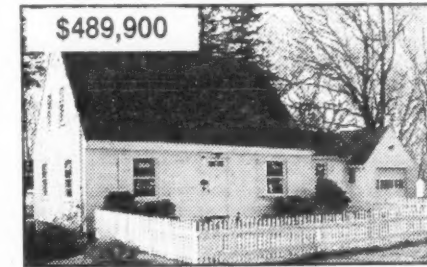
Phillips Academy Area, with lots of curb appeal!



Location, Location, Location!

This spacious and airy Colonial provides a truly unusual opportunity to own "better than new" construction in the Phillips Academy area and the heart of town. Built in 1998, this home has over 7,500 square feet of living space and the latest, first quality, heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical systems. The interior floor plan flows for entertainment with wonderful casual and formal space, highlighted by fine flooring & built-in amenities. A dream kitchen has granite, tile, custom maple and cherry cabinetry. Thermador and Bosch appliances, wet bar, walk-in pantry, and preparation areas. The adjoining sunroom, with wall to wall windows is delightful and opens to one of two decks and yard. Gleaming light maple flooring, recessed lighting, convenient 1st floor master & laundry.

14 rooms ~ 5 bedrooms ~ 4.5 baths ~ 3 bay garage
A very special listing by Chris Doherty x230
cdoherty@andoverliving.com \$1,750,000


\$489,900

ANDOVER!
CHARMING IN-TOWN CAPE!
 New maple kitchen w/granite & island
 Front to back FP living rm w/builtins
 Convenient 1st floor BR with half bath
 7/3/3 - full walkout - new furnace & heater
 Another listing by Sue Papalia x209
 spapalia@andoverliving.com \$489,900


\$649,900

ANDOVER!
 Minutes from highway and services
 Stately Col with stone front on 1.3 acres
 master suite w/cath cell, fireplace & 4 closets
 Lower level gameroom - walkup attic w/skylight
 9 oversized rooms - 4 bedrooms - 2.5 baths
 Another listing by Deb Moore x238
 dmoore@andoverliving.com \$649,900


\$929,900

OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
3 Beacon Street

ANDOVER, Andover Country Club!
 Contemporary Colonial built by Ray Cormier
 Minutes to town, schools & shopping
 10/4/2.5 - 2 car garage - 4300 sf - HW flrs
 Gorgeous white birch kitchen - Granite counters
 1st flr study - 2nd flr laundry - Walkout lower level
 Another listing by Lora Brown Horsley x201
 lhorsley@andoverliving.com \$929,900

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

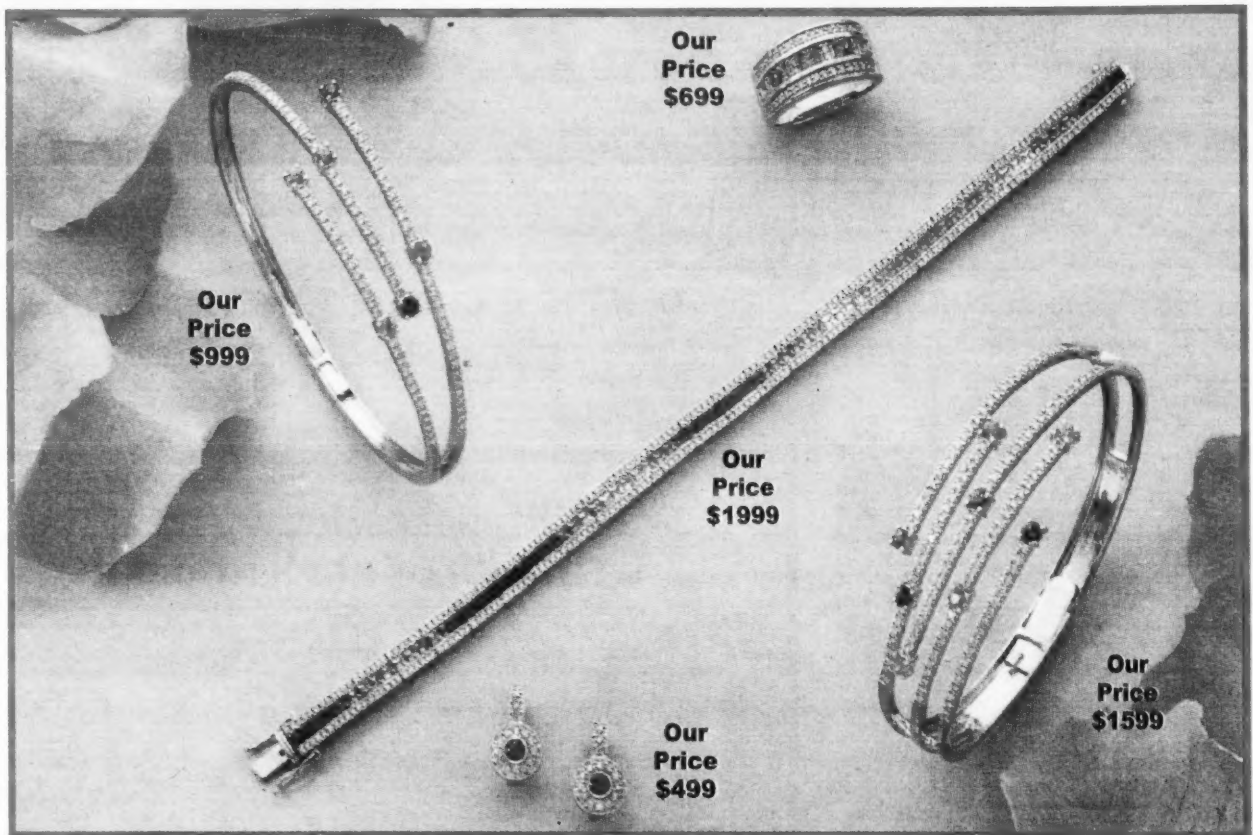
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